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JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa has introduced new restrictions, including another ban on alcohol sales, to help contain the spread of coronavirus.

A night-time curfew has been imposed, and the wearing of masks outdoors is now compulsory.

President Cyril Ramaphosa (pictured) said the alcohol ban - South Africa's second this year - would take pressure off the national healthcare system. It comes as total infections exceed quarter of a million.

Deaths resulting from coronavirus have also risen to more than 4,000 and government projections say this could rise to 50,000 by the end of the year.

South Africa remains the hardest-hit country on the continent, and earlier this week recorded its highest ever single day increase in cases. Nearly half of them were in Gauteng, a province that's become the outbreak epicentre.

In a public address, Ramaphosa acknowledged that most people had taken action to help prevent the spread.

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Suzan Lyimo, a former Special Seats legislator representing the opposition Chadema, introduces herself in Dar es Salaam yesterday to other members of the party attending a meeting called to pick Chadema's candidate for the Kinondoni constituency parliamentary seat in the coming (late October) General Election. Photo: Correspondent Mirajji Msala

Scant changes in constituencies but names, boundaries

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE National Electoral Commission (NEC) will soon announce name changes for some constituencies, while the number of electoral areas will remain the same in this year's General Election.

The Director of Elections, Dr Wilson Mahera, made this affirmation yesterday in a televised interview, where he stated that the number of constituencies will remain 264. The Mainland has 214 parliamentary constituencies, Zanzibar has 50 and the total number of wards is 3,956.

"The current number of constituencies will remain the same, and we'll only spell out the list of constituencies and wards," he declared.

He said in this year's elections, NEC expects to have 75,000 polling stations and each centre will have five officials.

"The five includes the centre's supervisor assisted by two officials, a clerk and a guard, hence there will be 390,824 officials in the 75,000 polling centres," he elaborated.

Dr Mahera said at the end of next month NEC

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Know the facts about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and help stop the spread of rumors.

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- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

- Stay home when you are sick.

- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

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- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Seek medical advice if you

- Develop symptoms

AND

- Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

[cdc.gov/COVID-19](https://www.cdc.gov/COVID-19)

SADC ministers, governors discuss money laundering

By Guardian Reporter

SOUTHERN Africa Development Community (SADC) member states ought to team up in tackling money laundering and funding of terrorist groups which threaten SADC economies.

Treasury Permanent Secretary Doto James made the appeal yesterday when opening a two-day virtual conference of SADC central bank governors and permanent secretaries at the Julius Nyerere International Conference Centre (JNICC) in Dar es Salaam.

Tackling the two challenges is essential as some SADC countries risk international sanctions over failure to meet conditions

provided by the Financial Action Task Force, an inter-governmental organization based on Paris, set up in 1989 to fight money laundering and financing terrorism.

The challenges may affect the community's ongoing endeavors to attract investments, but despite the challenges, SADC countries have maintained good financial policies and institutional systems to ensure it achieves its targeted development goals as per the Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan of SADC (RISDP), he said.

The RISDP was launched in a 2003

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Germany funds Covid-19 handling for airport staff

By Guardian Reporter

THE East African Community Secretariat in conjunction with aviation and health organisations has organized emergency Covid-19 intervention training for passenger handling staff at Dar es Salaam's Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA).

The capacity building exercise is being facilitated by the German aid organisation GIZ, coordinated by the Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (CASSOA), associated with the AMREF Flying Doctors service.

The two-day training will focus on social distancing requirements, involving a wide range of staff with close contact to passengers and their luggage.

The latter include airport medical service providers, aircraft and airline operators, selected crew members, staff at Immigration and Customs offices, cargo and baggage handlers and a few others.

The training seeks to build staff competence on safety measures,

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expects to issue the list of those who have qualified to assist the commission in conducting the polls

"NEC has the budget to provide training to officials it will appoint to build capacity on filling various forms correctly. The listing will be set at the constituency level where they will be interviewed," he specified.

On delays in issuing an election timetable, Dr Mahera said the commission was awaiting the Government Notice in the official Gazette for the dissolution of Parliament so that it proclaims the

electoral schedule.

Citing the relevant provision, he said not less than five days and not more than 25 days after the issuance of the Government Notice the commission must announce the day for contestants' nomination.

"That can't be December and in our tradition the nomination takes place in August and elections in October. We call upon the people to be patient," he affirmed.

There will be no delay of issuing the schedule as NEC is ready for its role once the Government Notice to dissolve Parliament has been published, he added.

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surveillance, prevention and control techniques, putting into practice the relevant regional guidelines. The airport will be capable of conducting further training on staff in other airports and surveillance regimes.

Surveillance capacities will be strengthened, early warning systems improved and public health responses at the airports better coordinated.

"The training is being implemented at a critical moment before international travel picks up again," German Ambassador Regine Hess said.

"The German Government is proud to support these measures so that Julius Nyerere International Airport is in a better position to detect and respond to COVID-19 and prevent further spread of the disease."

About 270 airport personnel will be trained as trainers for others across the region, geared to develop and conduct their own classes to rollout the training sessions.

The course design and curriculum development is based on International Health Regulations, best practices of

the World Health Organization and the US Centers for Disease Control. It also involves Standards and Recommended Practices of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

The training will also be conducted at Kilimanjaro International Airport from 20th to 23rd July.

The EAC Secretariat and the German Government have been working together in a joint programme for support to pandemic preparedness in the EAC region since March 2017. In the face of the coronavirus pandemic, Germany committed an additional 1m euro (2.5bn/-) to the 6m euro (15bn/-) programme.

With part of these additional funds, the EAC Secretariat and the EAC Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (CASSOA) are implementing emergency COVID-19 intervention training for staff of nine international airports in the six EAC partner states.

Human mobility across the world was a key factor in the rapid spread of COVID-19. Airports are high risk areas for the spread of infectious diseases.



Workers Compensation Fund director general Masha Mshomba (R) receives the First Winner award in the Best Insurance and Social Scheme Exhibitor category from Zanzibar Minister for Trade, Industry and Marketing minister Amina Salum Ali at the climax of the 44th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Joe Biden's searching for vice presidential candidates

WASHINGTON/WARSAW

FACING economic turmoil wrought by a once-in-a-century pandemic, Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden is searching for a running mate who will be a full partner in governing from day one. Former Vice President Biden is aiming to announce his choice by August 1.

In March, Biden vowed to select a woman as his running mate. While women have appeared as a presidential or vice presidential nominee on party tickets before, no woman has ever served as vice president.

The search started with a list of more than a dozen potential candidates, all of them women. Among the group still in contention are Senator Kamala Harris of California, Senator Elizabeth Warren

of Massachusetts, Representative Val Demings of Florida, Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms and Susan Rice, national security adviser under President Barack Obama.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti is leading the vetting teams with former Connecticut Senator Chris Dodd, Delaware Republican Lisa Blunt Rochester and former Biden counsel Cynthia Hogan.

The nationwide protests against racism, injustice and police brutality have influenced the thinking around the search for a running mate. The finalists are now nearly all women of colour, except for Warren.

People with knowledge of Biden's vetting process have dismissed the release of a shortlist. "Those who talk don't know and those who know

don't talk," Andrew Bates, a Biden spokesperson, told the Associated Press.

Meanwhile, Poland's conservative President Andrzej Duda won a narrow majority in a bitterly fought weekend election, defeating liberal Warsaw mayor Rafal Trzaskowski, according to a near complete count of votes.

Duda's supporters celebrated what they saw as a clear mandate from voters for him and the right-wing ruling party that backs him, Law and Justice, to continue on a path that has reduced poverty but raised concerns that democracy is under threat.

Critics and human rights groups expressed concerns that Duda's victory would boost illiberal tendencies not only at home but also within the EU, which has struggled to halt an erosion

of rule of law in Hungary under Prime Minister Viktor Orban.

The state electoral commission said Duda had 51.21 per cent of the vote based on a count of votes from 99.97 per cent districts. Trzaskowski trailed with 48.79 per cent of the vote.

Final results, which were expected later yesterday, could vary slightly, but Duda's lead appeared unassailable.

The very close race reflected the deep cultural divisions in this European Union nation.

It followed a bitter campaign dominated by issues of culture in which the government, state media and the influential Catholic Church all mobilised in support of Duda, a social conservative, and sought to stoke fears of Jews, LGBT people and Germans.

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Dotso James, Finance and Planning ministry permanent secretary addresses a Southern African Development Community (SADC) meeting of Finance and Investment ministers and Peer Review Panel in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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Vision for attaining a SADC Free Trade Area by 2008, SADC Customs Union by 2010, SADC Common Market by 2015, SADC Monetary Union by 2016 and regional currency by 2018.

"Most of the countries recorded enormous economic successes in recent years, but some continued to struggle with a number of sectoral economic challenges such as increased budget deficit and lately, negative impacts caused by the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (Covid-19)," he said.

Delegates will come up with policy suggestions on a number of financial matters and investment issues, he said, stipulating that they will develop

a working agenda on the social and economic impact of Covid-19. This agenda will be presented to the Peer Review Panel of SADC Ministers for Finance and Investment set for Wednesday July 15th.

"To tackle the challenges, countries must use institutional systems to come up with alternative ways to strengthen our economies. Platforms like this are important since they provide technical suggestions to SADC Ministers for Finance and Investment and central

bank governors," he stated.

Other agenda of the conference include discussing and providing suggestions on deliberations made by the SADC ministers at their July 2019 meeting in Windhoek, he said.

Implementation of the SADC Regional Development Fund and reports on execution of the SADC project preparation development facility will also be raised. The ministers shall receive and discuss a report on the Regional Transmission Infrastructure

Financing Facility (RTIFF) financed by the World Bank.

The SADC ministers' conference was earlier scheduled for June 13 to 17 but it was postponed due to uncertainty at the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic.

SADC is made up of 16 member states of the Comoros, Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Seychelles, Eswatini, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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but there were still some who acted "without any responsibility to respect and protect each other".

"There are a number of people who have taken to organising parties, who have drinking sprees, and some who walk around crowded spaces without wearing masks," he said.

Ramaphosa said the new measures were being introduced to help the country weather the storm of coronavirus, and a state of emergency would be extended until 15 August. The night-time ban would be in place from 21:00 to 04:00.

The government has also made

28,000 hospital beds available for Covid-19 patients. But President Ramaphosa said the country still faced a 12,000 healthcare staff shortage, including nurses, doctors and physiotherapists.

The alcohol ban comes weeks after a three month ban was lifted. It was imposed in an effort to prevent drunken fighting, cut domestic violence and eliminate weekend binge drinking prevalent across South Africa.

Doctors and police say the previous ban contributed to a sharp drop in emergency admissions to hospital. But the country's brewers and wine makers complained they were being driven out of business.

Covid-19: IOM donates two motorcycles

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR Ministry of Health has received two motor cycles valued at USD 2,727 donated by International Organisation for Migration (IOM) for ministry's workers to curb Covid-19.

During a brief hand over ceremony at Mnazi Mmoja hospital in Zanzibar, the head of IOM Tanzania, Dr Qasin Sufi, said the donation is aimed at complementing Zanzibar government's efforts against the disease.

He said the organisation will continue working together with the health ministry in its fight against

Covid-19 and other diseases' infections. Speaking after receiving the donation, deputy permanent secretary in the ministry Halima Maulid Salum said the motorcycles will assist health workers if the follow up of the disease's infection.

She explained that they will also assist them to make follow ups of various disease especially in rural areas that are not easily accessible.

The director of diseases prevention in the health ministry Dr Fadhil Mohamed thanked IOM for the donation and called upon health workers to take care of the machines.



Mbaruku Magawa (L), Director of Operations of the Public Service Social Security Fund, attends to members of the Fund at the Fund's pavilion at the just-ended 14-day 44th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Women ought to claim their space in elections, says Jenista Mhagama

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

JENISTA Mhagama, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, (Policy, Parliamentary Affairs, Labour, Employment, Youth and the Disabled), has appealed to political parties not to engage women in dirty politics during campaigns for the October polls.

Speaking during a meeting convened by women leaders from different parties in the country, she argued that women are an important force that deserve respect and should not be waggled for cheap and selfish political gains.

The meeting that brought together women leaders was held to appreciate minister Mhagama outstanding performance and cooperation with fellow women.

Mhagama, a long serving minister in both fifth and fourth phase governments warned the political parties not to use women members as agents of chaos during the campaigns and instead allow them to vie for higher positions of their choices.

"Our aim is to inspire dialogue and to catalyse positive change toward more equitable and inclusive political processes. We believe that increasing marginalized people's participation in politics and securing their access to public life is of particular importance to democratic development and sustainability. Exploring ways in which peace building processes can be supported and strengthened to encourage greater participation and inclusion of marginalized people and minority groups. We should strive to promote participation and representation of women. We

recognize that democratic reforms will be flawed if they exclude women from participating effectively."

Mhagama added that political parties should give women equal opportunities just like male contestants to enable them climb to the leadership positions.

"Let us go and peacefully contest in elective positions knowing that women have equal leadership skills just as men" she said, adding that President John Magufuli has pledged a free and fair elections.

According to the minister, the National Electoral Council (NEC) is constitutionally a free institution working within the legal framework to provide credible elections.

She argued that sometimes women fail to work together. "Let us avoid divisive politics at party levels and work together to have national women leaders," she noted.

Mhagama said it is the national agenda to fight any form of discrimination based on religion, tribe and regional belonging, noting that political parties should have national representation.

The minister urged fellow women to refrain from any form of corrupt activities

Speaking at the same meeting Registrar of Political Parties, Judge Francis Mutungi called on women to join the fight for elective positions freely and peacefully because it is their constitutional right. "We are going to the general elections with the aim to win and my plea is that you be the peace agents during the campaigns, election day and even after," he said, noting that Tanzania has all along been known for peaceful polls.

African NGO council appoints Anna Henga to its board of directors

By Guardian Reporter

THE board of directors of the African Council of Non-Governmental Organisations (African NGO Council) which is based in Freetown, Sierra Leone, has appointed Anna Henga as the new board member.

Anna Henga, who is the executive director of the leading human rights advocacy organisation in Tanzania, Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC), will serve the African NGO council board of directors for two years, effective from this month.

"I am so pleased to invite you (Anna Henga) to serve on the Board of Directors of the African Council of Non-Governmental Organisations (African NGO Council). At the meeting of the Board Recruitment Committee, held

on 1st July 2020, at the organisation's premises, it was resolved among other things - that we invite you to serve in this regard. "This letter, thus serves to appoint you to provide leadership and strategic direction for the African NGO Council for the next two years, beginning July 2020," said Rebecca Paulson, the Executive Director of the African NGO Council in an invitation letter to Anna Henga.

"I am really excited to receive this call of duty. It is an honour for me to join and serve the African NGO Council, a proven leader of the NGO sector in the African continent. I am looking forward to contributing to the attainment of the Council's objectives," said Henga.

Among other duties, the African NGO Council Board of Directors, which is made up of six members, contributes

to the proper governance of and guide of AFRONGO in establishing a strategy and policy objectives through active participation in the Council's governance and decision making.

The African Council of Non-Governmental Organisations (AFRONGO) is a regional association of international, regional and national civil society and non-governmental organisations working to realise environmental sustainability, sustainable peace, universal human rights, equality and social justice, good governance and sustainable human development in communities across Africa.

AFRONGO was formed in 2015 to bring together advocacy organisations and international development and emergency relief agencies to build a

cohesive regional civil society voice of like-minded organisations for advocacy, stakeholder engagement, learning and sharing, policy impact, best practices, networking and solidarity with the people and communities in Africa.

Members of AFRONGO include national, regional and international relief and development agencies, the peace-building and humanitarian bodies of major faith groups, educational organisations, human rights associations, environmental and solidarity groups, and local community organisations committed to AFRONGO's mission, vision, and principles. The Council amplifies the voice of its members, to influence key global, regional and national decision-makers, and to engage the people of Africa as active global citizens.



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14th July, 2020

- Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Ltd (TIPER) is a bulk storage facility for Petroleum Products with its shares divided equally between the Government of Tanzania and Oryx Energies SA of Switzerland. The Company office is located at Kigamboni Industrial Area, Depot site-plot 1, Dar es Salaam-Tanzania.
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Saniniu Laizer (2nd-L, foreground, the Tanzanian small-scale tanzanite miner who recently struck two pieces of the rare gemstone worth some 8bn/-, is briefed by Bank of Tanzania head of public relations Vicky Msina (R) during a visit to the bank's pavilion at the just-conclude 44th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Anthony Siame



Pakistan's Ambassador to Tanzania, Muhammad Saleem (L), has a quick word with Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture president Paul Koyi (C) as they went around the DITF grounds at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma



Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TanTrade) deputy director Latifa Khamis (R) tours the women entrepreneurs pavilion at the DITF at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Anthony Siame



Optical Centre Clinic director Dr Mkunde Kibwana (L) and a colleague of hers (in white T-shirt) screen visitors to the DITF for eye pressure at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma



Exhibitors have begun removing the goods they have been displaying at the DITF, some since the fair opened on July 1, ready for the official closure - yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Anthony Siame



The DITF officially closed yesterday, exhibitors busy moving their goods out. Photo: Anthony Siame



Zanzibar Trade, Industries and Marketing minister Amina Salum Ali (3rd-R) with various other government officials grace the climax of the DITF - yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Anthony Siame



This is one of the scenes Correspondent Anthony Siame's roving cameras captured relating to the climax of the 44th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair.

Bureau 'reclaims' over 576 million/- embezzled in four local councils in Songwe Region

By Guardian Correspondent, Songwe

THE Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) in Songwe Region has rescued more than 576,871,252/82 that had been embezzled during implementation of various community projects while it registered surprise to the Ileje District Executive Director (DED) over failure to pay his Councillors more than 40m/- arrears of sitting allowances for eight months.

Speaking to reporters at the weekend in his office, PCCB Commander for Songwe Region Damas Suta said the money rescued came from the Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Societies (AMCOS) that had been given to members and officials thereof as loan from the Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB).

He said after the members received the loan, they used the funds for other uses, whilst other rescued funds were the council revenue collections for Mbozi, Tunduma, Ileje and Songwe districts in Songwe Region.

He said after officials had been trusted with revenue collection using POS machines, they neither banked the money, nor remitted it to the respective councils.

Suta mentioned the amount of money rescued from each respective local council as Songwe 29,503,000/- Ileje 3,260,000/-, Momba 36,743,000/- making a total of 69,506,000/-.

The PCCB boss challenged DEDs by saying that PCCB plans to deal with them as funds were being embezzled by revenue collectors while they remained glued in their offices.

He said the issue of Ileje DED of not paying councillors their sitting allowance was due to sheer negligence on her part.



Arusha district commissioner Kenan Kihongosi (C, kneeling) checks the measurements of a bypass road when inspecting development projects in Olasiti, Elerai and Salina wards at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Woinde Shizza

Current sisal production level still not satisfactory, says Mgumba

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

SISAL production in the country has increased from 19,700 tonnes in 1970 to 36,000 tonnes in 2019.

Speaking at the weekend, the Deputy Minister for Agriculture Omary Mgumba said the current production level is still not satisfactory compared to opportunities in the sisal sector.

Mgumba said the government's aim is to ensure sisal production reaches 120,000 by 2025.

He said the government now focuses in discussions and finding solutions to various challenges facing the country's sisal crop for profitable production, increase employment, drive up the industrial sector as well as increase income of both farmers and the nation in general.

He said in addition to these challenges the government is also dealing with various issues including increasing production by establishing sisal seedbeds in all districts that grow the crop.

He said the Mlingano Centre of Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI-Mlingano) has started ample production of better seeds for the sisal crop.

He also said the government was still verifying the statuses of sisal farms that were privatised for them to start production as had been agreed in the privatisation contract agreements.

Deputy Minister Mgumba said the government has also increased the budget for the sisal sector to enable TARI-Mlingano to do research on various sisal seeds.

He said the outcomes of other government strategies need the participation of all stakeholders in the sisal sector.



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CRDB launches service to deal with customers' queries swiftly

By Guardian Correspondent,

Mwanza

CRDB bank has launched a digital platform—Qr Code to enable its customers to submit their queries straight to the management by phone.

The bank's head of branch network, Bonaventura Paulo made the revelation when speaking during a function to launch the new system at regional level, held at CRDB headquarters in Mwanza. He said by using the Qr Code, customers will be able to directly submit their queries without consulting any of the bank workers.

"We are here today to launch the digital platform to improve ways of receiving customer feedback; we previously used boxes, a process which was taking too long. We can now conveniently and timely receive feedbacks and opinions from our customers," said Paulo.

According to him, customers are allowed to submit opinions and suggestions from other branches. He said the bank will also be ready to receive complaints and challenges

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which will be worked on accordingly to improve efficiency as well as service provision.

Head of Customer Services, Yolanda Uriyo said the bank aims to ensure quality service provision

at its branches across the country. He said they will continue to improve ways of receiving opinions from customers, especially those using smart phones.

The Bank's Manager in Lake Zone, Lusingi

Sitta called upon CRDB customers to immediately start using the new digital platform since it is the fastest way of submitting queries and get quick response from appropriate personnel.

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UNIVERSAL AUCTION CENTRE under instructions received from **Royal Norwegian Embassy and European Union Delegation**. We shall sell Household / office furnitures & Vehicles by public auction on Saturday July 18th, 2020 commencing at 10:00 am. The auction will take place at Golden Resort Sinza, Lion Street.

Furniture and Appliances - Bidding Start at 10:00am: Sofa set, Chest drawer, Coffee table, Dining table, Book Shelves, Conference table, Office desk, Storage cabinets, Chairs, Bed, Mattress, Zanzibar Beds, Fridge double door, Freezer, Washer, Dryer, gas & electric cooker, A/c split units, Photocopy machines, TV Sets, Computer set, Voltage Stabilizer 30kva, GYM Comfort cycle e.t.c

Vehicles Bidding Start at 12:00pm.

Unit	Make	Model	Year	Duty	
1	Toyota Land Cruiser	Prado Station Wagon	TA-VZJ120W Diesel Engine	2004	Not paid
1	Nissan Pathfinder	Station Wagon	YD25 Diesel Engine	2013	Not Paid
1	Nissan Terrano	Station Wagon	Diesel Engine	2007	Not Paid
1	Mitsubishi	Min Bus	2.5 Diesel Engine	2007	Not Paid
1	Mitsubishi	Pickup Double Cabin	4D56 Diesel Engine	2007	Not Paid
1	Mercedes Benz	Station Wagon	ML 270 Diesel Engine	2007	Not Paid
1	Honda CR-V	Station Wagon	K25A Petrol Engine	2005	Not Paid
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- The winning bidder for Furniture has to make full payment to cashier immediately. For Vehicle winning bidder must pay 25% to cashier immediately and the final payment in full within 5 working days by July 24th 2020 at 4:00pm. For payments not made within 5 working days, the Vehicle will be offered to the next highest bidder and the advance payment will be forfeited.
- Payments via **CRDB Bank VISA & Master Cards** will be accepted.
- All items are sold on "as is" basis with no guarantee.
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TANZANIA MEDICINES AND MEDICAL DEVICES AUTHORITY



PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR SUPPLIERS OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT, CHEMICALS, REFERENCE STANDARDS, MEDIA, GLASSWARE, CONSUMABLES, AND MAINTENANCE OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/2021

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION

Date: 14th July, 2020

- The Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA) has set aside funds in its budget towards the cost for the Supply of various Laboratory Equipment, Chemicals, Reference Standards and Media, Glassware and Consumables, and Maintenance of Laboratory Equipment and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this fund for payments under the contracts for which this prequalification is issued. It is expected that invitations to bid will be made in financial year 2020/2021.
- Pre-qualification will be conducted through the procedures specified in Regulation 119 of the Public Procurement (Goods, Works, Non-Consultant Services and Disposal of Public Assets by Tender) Regulations- Government Notice 446 of 2013, and is open to all firms and voluntarily formed joint ventures.
- TMDA now invites sealed proposals for Pre-qualification of Suppliers and Service Providers in the following categories:-

LOT No.	DESCRIPTION
1	Suppliers of Laboratory Equipment
2	Suppliers of Laboratory Chemicals
3	Suppliers of Laboratory Reference Standards and Media
4	Suppliers of Laboratory Glassware and Consumables
5	Service Providers for Provision of Preventive Maintenance of Laboratory Equipment

The prospective Suppliers and Service Providers may submit the Pre-qualification Document for one or more Lots.

- Interested applicants may obtain further information from and inspect the Pre-qualification document at the Office of the Secretary, Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority Tender Board, 1st floor, Room No. 27, P.O. Box 77150, Off Mandela Road - Mabibo, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, Tel.2450512/2450751, Fax 2450793 from 0900 - 1530 hours local time on Mondays to Fridays inclusive except on public holidays.
- A complete set of the Prequalification document may be obtained from the above mentioned office any interested eligible tenderer and will be evaluated upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tanzanian Shillings Thirty Thousand Only (TZS 30,000.00). The method of payment should be GePG after collecting the respective control number.
- Applications for Pre-qualification should be submitted in one original plus one copy in sealed envelopes delivered to the Secretary either by hand or be sent by registered post so as to reach the Secretary, through the address in para 4 above at/before 1400 hours local time on Tuesday 28th July, 2020 and be clearly marked Pre-qualification for Suppliers of respective Lot (s) for the year 2020/2021. Tenders sent by post must be registered.
- Application for Pre-qualification in form of Telegraphic, Telex, Telefax and e-mail will not be accepted and those which will not be received and not opened in public at the public bid opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL
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CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Assignment	To conduct a study about access to legal aid services in Tanzania after the enactment of Legal Aid Act of 2017 and its Regulations of 2018
Location of the assignment	Tanzania, United Republic Of
Period of Assignment	70 days
Type of contract	Consultancy contract
Open to	Scholars with a proven track record in consultancy and research work
Deadline for submitting applications	July 24, 2020
Submit to	research@tls.or.tz

ABOUT THE ASSIGNMENT

The call for applications invites experts to conduct research about access to legal aid in Tanzania after the enactment of Legal Aid Act of 2017 and its Regulations of 2018.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION Tanganyika Law Society abbreviated as TLS is a statutory professional organization established by an Act of Parliament - the Tanganyika Law Society Ordinance of 1954. Currently TLS is governed by the Tanganyika Law Society Act, Cap 307 as amended.

One of the core components of TLS statutory mandate outlined in the TLS Act, Cap 307 is to assist the Government, Judiciary and Parliament in all matters affecting legislation, and the administration and practice of the law in Tanzania. Other TLS statutory mandate include; to facilitate the acquisition of legal knowledge by members of the legal profession and others, to protect and assist the public in Tanzania in all matters touching, ancillary or incidental to the law, and to represent, protect and assist members of the legal profession in Tanzania as regards to conditions of practice and otherwise.

For TLS to execute its mandate, research has become one of the most important components to its operations. TLS Monitoring and Evaluation Department is tasked with coordinating research activities with a guidance and oversight of Research and Publication Committee.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

The overall research objective is to conduct a study about access to legal aid in Tanzania after the enactment of Legal Aid Act of 2017 and its Regulations of 2018.

The specific research objectives are;

- To examine the prevailing policy, law, and practice on the issue of legal aid in Tanzania.
- To analyze the gaps in response to the cause of legal aid in Tanzania.
- To examine the role of Law Society in promoting legal aid services for the needy.

DELIVERABLES

- Inception reports
- Validation report
- Final report

SELECTION CRITERIA

Criteria	Weight (%)	Max Point
Technical proposal (70 %)		
Demonstrate proven skills in consultancy and research work	15	15
Demonstrated experience in conducting research and consultancy in similar/related assignments	15	15
Demonstrate evidence of involvement in a multi-stakeholders research activities	15	15
Methodology and work plan	25	25
Financial proposal (30%)		
Budget	10	10
Evidence of previous research grant	20	20

QUALIFICATION NEEDED

- The Principal Investigator should hold a PhD in law or any discipline of the social sciences
- The Principal Investigator should be a citizen of Tanzania
- Should demonstrate a commitment and proven track record in research, consultancy and publication work
- The Principal Investigator should be assisted by a team of assistant researchers with undergraduate qualification or higher
- At least two (2) assistant researchers should be advocates of High Court of Tanzania
- Non-Tanzanians interested in the assignment can only work as assistant researchers and shall comply with the immigration laws

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

When submitting the technical proposal, interested applicants are requested to attach the following;

- A recent CV of the Principal Investigator indicating his/her academic record, relevant work experience, list of publications and at least 2 academic referees
- Profile of assistant researchers explaining why they are more suitable for the work

To submit your expression of interest (EOI) please send the technical proposal, along with financial proposal to research@tls.or.tz. The deadline to submit expressions of interest is **July 24, 2020**.

Coffee growers in Kagera urged to liaise with experts for better yield

By Guardian Correspondent, Bukoba

COFFEE farmers in Kagera Region are required to cooperate with agricultural experts when they visit their farms to provide training on the revival of the farms and planting quality seedlings.

The farmer-expert teamwork will assist in the increase of crop yields as there have been production challenges resulting in low crops yields unanticipated by farmers.

The call was given by farming experts from the Region's districts who had been trained on skills to persuade farmers learn of better farming techniques through study farms.

Elizabeth Ndaba, a farming expert from Kyerwa District said to a large extent farmers have regarded coffee farming as a source for their economic wellbeing.

He said their problem is the lack of education in the preservation of a coffee trunk essential in better crops yields and that this was better learned from experts' practical training.

Siraji Ismail, a farming expert from Missenyi District said in order to bring envisaged changes that would revive their coffee crops youth's labour from both urban and rural areas should be utilized to train farmers.

He said in 2016 coffee trees were infected the yellow leaf disease that saw some farmers continue farming the crop.

Kagera Region's Café Africa Project Manager Daniel Mwakalinga said study farm training was essential for coffee farmers for the increase of crop yields.

He added that district farming experts through secondary cooperatives - Kagera Cooperative Union (KCU) and

Karagwe District Cooperative Union (KDCU) will participate in aiding farmers to ensure they increase their coffee harvests.

Dr Nyambisi Ng'homa, Senior Researcher from Tanzania Coffee Research Institute (TACRI) in Kagera Region said as for now a farmer produces half a kilogram of coffee from one coffee tree, the yield should be one and half kilogram upwards.

Loise Baraka, an agricultural official from the office of the Kagera Regional Commissioner said last year the region produced 50,000 tons of coffee with husks as targeted.

He said in this year the target is 70,000 tons of coffee with husks if farmers will abide by the training provided by experts. He said tending of farms by increasing fertilizer thereon helps in the growth of coffee trees.



ASP Christina Mkonongo, Commanding Officer for Mirerani Police Station in Simanjiro District, addresses tanzanite stakeholders at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

By Guardian Reporter

THE agribusiness sector in the country is set for a major boost from the Private Agricultural Sector Support (PASS) Trust through the agency's credit guarantee scheme.

For the last three weeks, the Trust has been engaging stakeholders throughout the country while engaging with leaders on the appropriate ways of further increasing the number of agribusiness entrepreneurs who wish to access financial credit but are unable due to lack of collateral.

"Since January 2020 to March 2020, we have been able to guarantee loans worth 71.5bn/- with hopes that agribusiness entrepreneurs will engage more and increase agricultural production," said Nicomed Bohay, PASS managing director when speaking at one of the engagement forums in Mbeya Region.

Since inception in 2000, PASS has continued to significantly contribute towards the changing narrative of Tanzania's agricultural Finance landscape, by assisting agricultural entrepreneurs to feasibly and profitably borrow from commercial financial institutions, for purposes of improving their Agri businesses. Currently, PASS works with 16 financial institutions that include banks spread across Tanzania, by linking agribusiness entrepreneurs with bankable business plans and providing

PASS Trust to support more Tanzanians in agribusiness

partial credit guarantee cover with the aim of topping up inadequate collateral for clients.

To its clients, PASS offers business development services such as feasibility studies, supports development of business plans and conduct training or organisation of farmer groups.

Majorly, PASS offers a partial credit guarantee cover to collaborating banks as a means of topping up inadequate collateral to enable clients get financing. PASS provides banks with a 60 per cent guarantee (up to 80 per cent for women) of the loan amount. Beneficiaries can be individuals (SMEs or farmers) or farmers groups.

Speaking in Mbeya during a stakeholder meeting in the region, Mbeya Regional Commissioner Albert Chalamila led a group of leaders in the region in hailing PASS Trust work of guaranteeing farmers credit saying this has enabled many farmers access finances and engage in meaningful agriculture.

"I call upon agribusiness entrepreneurs in this region particularly, to take advantage of PASS Services to improve their lives. PASS has made it easy for everyone including youths to engage in agribusiness and

create employment," said Chalamila.

Njombe District Commissioner Ruth Msafiri gave a stern warning to agricultural officers in the region to take serious their work and engage with farmers so that they can benefit from services such as PASS adding that lack of coordination was affecting service delivery in the agricultural sector in the district. "Should we wait for PASS Trust to come and bring us together to tell us about these opportunities?" Posed Msafiri.

The DC acknowledged many PASS beneficiaries who were present and urged others to utilise PASS products to their advantage.

This week, PASS Trust has pitched camp in the Southern Zone with stakeholder meetings planned for Mtwara, Lindi, Masasi, Tunduru, Songea and Mbinga.

"As an agribusiness entrepreneur, ours is to link you with finances so that you can thrive and improve your business. Agribusiness entrepreneurs have no reason of failing in business. We are here as a link to ensure that even those who are considered uncreditworthy due to lack of collateral, get a chance to access the funds," said Bohay.

Firm joins UN's global Covid-19 fight

By Guardian Reporter

AS part of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness through information, MultiChoice Group has come on board as an official supporter of the United Nations' global Covid-19 awareness campaign - 'Pause' which was launched globally on June 30th.

The group has supported a number of initiatives in the fight against the spread of the pandemic which continues to wreak havoc across the globe, and it is being acutely felt across Africa.

Early in the spread of the pandemic the group harnessed the power of its platforms to ensure that its subscribers across the continent were given access to credible and accurate information.

The aim of the 'Pause' campaign is to highlight the dangers of sharing false information related to Covid-19.

The campaign asks everyone to pause, think and take care before sharing information which could be inaccurate or misinformed and may have harmful effects.

Robert Skinner, Senior Adviser for Global Communications at UN said: "We are in a moment of global reckoning as Covid-19 and its social and economic consequences challenge the world in unprecedented ways. Misinformation, hate speech and fake news are fueling and distorting all of these challenges and eroding the truth."

Skinner added: "We are very excited to have MultiChoice onboard as a supporter giving the launch of our campaign reach across Africa. They are uniquely positioned to deliver this important message to their diverse audiences across the continent."

MultiChoice Group executive chairman, Imtiaz Patel said that dissemination of credible information

has become critical in fighting the epidemic which continues to impact millions across the globe and the continent.

"We are therefore honoured to be able to utilise the continental reach of our broadcast and digital platforms across Africa to empower people with vital information" said Patel.

MultiChoice continues to seek opportunities to use its platforms to combat the spread of Covid-19. Supporting initiatives such as the 'Pause' campaign and airing educational and news related content aligns to the organisation's commitment to making an impact in the communities where it operates.

The campaign was launched globally on June 30th 2020 with critical information broadcast across Africa through the DStv and GOtv on air and digital platforms, SuperSport and M-Net properties and Showmax.

'Agriculture greatly contributed to rise in Tanzania's economic status'

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

UYOLE centre of Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI-Uyole) in Mbeya says the agricultural sector has contributed greatly to take the country to the Middle Economy level spurred by industrial development.

This was revealed at the weekend by TARI-Uyole Managing Director Dr Tulole Bucheyeki when inspecting preparations of seedlings of various crops for the Nanenane Farmers Exhibition in the Southern Highlands Zone to be held at John Mwakangale Grounds in Mbeya City.

Dr Bucheyeki said many factories established in the country depend on agricultural based raw materials produced in the country and stressed that the institute will continue to provide training to farmers to enhance production.

He said as for now the institute has come up with more than 40 technological inventions to assist farmers to enhance crops production that will in turn assist the country to be self-sufficient in food and raw materials for industrial use and for export.

"Due to the importance of agriculture we have decided to assist the people to learn various farming technologies for the whole year beginning August 1 this year, in the previous years they only learned from the Nanenane exhibitions," Dr Bucheyeki said.

Dr Bucheyeki said the technologies invented have produced seeds of various crops that will be distributed to the people with training on their proper use.

He said the institute welcomes all the people from various areas to go and learn about farming technologies at his institute at any time even during non-farming seasons.

He also added that the institute has modern laboratory to evaluate various nutrients in the soil to advise farmers to grow crops according to the soil type in their farms.

Some farmers who visited the institute's farms for learning purposes said they greatly benefited from the training by abandoning traditional farming methods that were mainly for subsistence. One of them, Zawadi Mzumbwe from Isuto ward in Mbeya District said in the past they were using natural seeds with small yields.

She said they used to harvest three to seven bags of maize per acre but after training on the use of modern seeds and modern farming methods they get 15 bags or more per acre.

She advised the people from other areas in the Southern Highlands Zone to go to the institute to improve their farming techniques for better crops yields.



Alliance for Democratic Change Secretary General Doyo Hassan Doyo (L) presents nomination forms in Dar es Salaam yesterday to Shabani Itutu, who is vying for election as the opposition party's candidate for the Tanzanian Presidency in late October's General Elections Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Jumane Juma

By Guardian Correspondent, Itilima

NGO fighting violence against women and children in Itilima

A non-profit organisation, Kawiye Development Social Development Foundation (KASODEFO), is set to reach over 50,000 people with a special programme aimed at addressing violence against women and children in Itilima District, Simiyu Region.

Speaking on the implementation of the project, Ezekiel Kassanga, the organisation's director said that the project which enters its second phase will focus much on strengthening awareness and educational programmes on the impacts of Gender Based Violence (GBV).

He noted that that violence against women and children remains one of the most serious human rights violations in the country which calls for determined joint efforts to curb it.

According to him, the project worth 30m/- is funded by Foundation for Civil

Society (FCS) and will be implemented in various villages of Itilima District.

According to him, the implementation of the projects is part of the organisation's zeal to complement the government's national anti-violence work plan.

"We will educate the public on the impacts of violence, we will capacitate them on the importance of reporting incidence of violence, while also educating them to avoid and fight early marriages," he said.

The implementation of the project will involve several training sessions through workshops, television and radio programmes as well as posters and social media platforms to ensure

that the information reaches more people.

KASODEFO which is based in Simiyu is operating in the thematic areas of human rights, community development, gender, education, health, water and environment. The Foundation is dedicated and committed in protection and promotion of human rights, enhance gender equality, and improving quality of life by reducing poverty of the community through training and support in social and economic initiatives, rehabilitation and development programs basing on the national plan of reducing poverty (2025) and the sustainable development goals (2030).

By Guardian Reporter

WEZA III lights up lives of rural women in Zanzibar

WOMEN living in poverty in Unguja and Pemba have finally seen a ray of light after joining the Villages Savings and Loan groups (VSL) where together they have managed to save a total of 116,560,750/- for a period of one year—from June 2019 to June 2020.

This was due to the involvement of these women in Women's Economic Empowerment Zanzibar programme (WEZA III). They are 1,207 in total 513 from Unguja and 694 from Pemba. They come from 24 shehias, 12 each for Unguja and Pemba.

They have been able to get such amount of money through the weekly savings of shares worth 500/- to 10,000/- as well as engaging in a variety of productive activities including: different spice soaps such as clove, lime and yellow, oil, vegetables, jam and handbags, as well as sewing activities.

The women aged between 8 to 40 were chosen to join the programme because they were initially not engaged in any business activity and some of them have already formed their own families which they need to take care of.

Mkanyageni shehia in Pemba south is one of the beneficiaries and is composed of four groups which have saved a total of 3,584,000/- alone and they are involved in multiple projects

each. These groups of Mkanyageni are known in swahili "MaishaSiri, MwanzoMgumu, Mambo naWatu and UmojaniNguvu".

The chairperson of the MaishaSiri Group, Hadia Hashim Awesu, said the groups' presence has boosted women economic empowerment in the area of which until mid-last year, women were not involved in any IGA.

She said after receiving the requisite trainings her group started with the vegetable production and subsequently produced soap, oil, tea, vanilla and poultry keeping.

"So far we have accumulated a total amount of 3,584,000/- saved on weekly basis ranging from 2,000 to 10,000 per person," she said.

Hadia added that the group had successfully purchased a chicken hub at a cost of 1,500,000/- for poultry keeping.

She added that "we started the wood selling business for the purpose of increasing our capital and through these activities; we have successfully purchased a plot of land and chicken yard for 1,500,000/- where we expect to roof it in order to develop our

livestock activities."

Fatma Mohamed Juma, a member of the group also said that, despite the collective development of the group the group has helped individual members to grow economically through taking of loans from the shared fund.

"When I joined the group, I borrowed 300,000 shillings for purchasing a sewing machine, thankfully it helped me to grow my sewing business and so far, I am looking forward to borrowing more money to add a modern sewing machine as customers have increased," said Fatma.

Bijuma Hamis Kombo from Safinia Group in Majenzi Shehia at Micheweni, Pemba north said the groups have been a saviour for many women in the area since most of them were not engaged in any market oriented business.

She said she had been able to buy a motorbike locally known as Bodaboda and she earns an average of 60,000/- per month.

The WEZA III project is being implemented by the Tanzania Media Women's Association - TAMWA Zanzibar in partnership with Zanzibar Milele Foundation (ZMF).

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TENDER NO. SMZ/RP/C/OQ/2020.2021/01 JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT FOR REPLANTING RUBBER PLANTATION AND INTERCROPPING OF SPICES

REQUEST FOR FIRMS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

1. The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar (RGoZ) owns and maintains 1,270 hectares (ha) of Rubber Plantations which were established between 1977 and 1982 for the purpose of supporting Zanzibar Government economic development
2. The existing rubber plantations are matured and under unsatisfactory management, therefore the RGoZ through the Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources, Livestock and Fisheries (MANLF) seeks to work with Private Sectors in a Strategic Joint Venture Agreement for replanting Rubber Plantation and intercrop with spices and other high value crops.
3. It is on this ground that RGoZ wishes to engage a qualified bidder/ Strategic Investor to present their Expression of Interest (EOI) for Joint Venture Agreement.
4. The scope of this assignment will include but not be limited to harvest existing rubber plants, sequentially replant the farms with new rubber seedlings and intercrop with spices and other high value crops on the land demarcated for rubber plantations and link to available market in a commercial basis in order to maximize incomes of stakeholders.
5. The Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resource, Livestock and Fisheries now invites eligible qualified firms to express their interest by presenting a clear, precise work plan, work schedule, team composition, task assignments, and staffing schedule (in harvesting for existing rubber plants, logging and replanting; intercropping), indicate details of the organization and experience, technical approach, methodology, and allows the RGoZ to readily understand and evaluate proposals.
6. Firms will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act No. 11 of 2016.
7. In assessing the submissions, consideration will be given to the technical competence of the relevant agricultural firms, the qualification and experience of the firms likely to be proposed for the assignment, experience on similar projects and capacity to undertake the assignment. A final list of firms invited to submit proposals for this assignment will be prepared from firms responding to this notice. Only Strategic Firms with demonstrated experience and excellent track records in similar assignments will be considered for short listing.
8. This is not a request for proposals. After a review of the letters of interest, a shortlist will be prepared, and short-listed firms will be invited to submit their proposals through a letter of invitation including specific terms of reference.
9. The Expression of Interest shall be submitted to the Secretary, Ministerial Tender Board, Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resource, Livestock and Fisheries, P. O. Box 159, Zanzibar. The deadline for the submission of the EOI is Tuesday, 28th July, 2020 at 14:00 hours. Envelopes containing the Expression of Interest shall be clearly marked Tender No. SMZ/RP/C/OQ/2020.2021/01 Expression of Interest FOR JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT FOR REPLANTING RUBBER PLANTATION AND INTERCROPPING OF SPICES
10. The Expression of Interest (EOI) will be opened immediately after deadline for submission in Public and in the presence of firms' representative who choose to attend in the Conference Room of the Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resource, Livestock and Fisheries, Maruhubi Street, Zanzibar.
11. Any request for clarification with regard to this assignment shall be addressed to **Principal Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources Livestock and Fisheries, P.O. Box 159, Maruhubi Zanzibar, Mobile No. +255 777 277 747 or +255 776 298 161, Email: almasalami@gmail.com or h.suleiman207@gmail.com during office hours.**
12. The Client shall respond to clarifications received not less than two days before the deadline for submission.
13. Late Expressions of Interest shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

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Remembering Walter Rodney: Tanzania was his second home

A NUMBER of commentators in various countries in Africa and the Caribbean in particular have taken time to reflect on the 40 years since the death of iconic historian and avowed radical intellectual, Dr Walter Rodney. There were commemorative events of his death in the past, for instance in 2006 an international conference was held at the University of Dar es Salaam on that theme, and scores of his old colleagues graced the stage and audience. This time it would have been difficult enough to organize such an event, as the mid-June date was still covered by travel restrictions worldwide arising from Covid-19.

While plenty has been said in relation to his contribution reinterpreting the history of sub-Saharan Africa, these days of Black Lives Matter give a new impetus to his legacy, as to how far the world has come in repudiating this legacy, atoning for wrongs committed in this quest. Monuments have been taken down in various parts of the world, for instance a monument for the great southern Africa colonizer, Cecil Rhodes was taken down in London, while Confederate monuments (defenders of slavery during the US civil war) were being taken down as well. Belgium issued 'regrets' for crimes against humanity in DR Congo of old, committed when the vast country was a personal fiefdom of King Leopold II for two decades or so.

This was largely unthinkable until recently, and it needs an anthology of what took place for Europe and the United States to come this far, not just renouncing systematic racism in police violence, but the legacy of colonialism and its atrocities. During his life, on the basis of what reviewers have been

saying in their memorial write ups, Dr Rodney remained skeptical that the Western world would ever get beyond its colonial and thus racist legacy in day to day life. Kenyan scholar Prof Ali Mazrui, who was less militant and more optimistic, was convinced that 'the world would be cured of racism,' retaining class divisions.

In one of his contributions towards the issue, President Nyerere devoted a speech to an international conference of Maryknoll Sisters in 1970 to explore the theme, 'The Courage of Reconciliation,' but undeniably it has been a difficult task in the post-colonial environment. Even after independence those who ruled Africa wished to retain their prerogatives, and given the lack of national cohesion in newly emerging countries, and with abysmal poverty, little remittances to middle level or upper army officers led to a plethora of coups in the first five years of independence. Nyerere said in 1963 after the killing of Togolese president Sylvanus Olympio that 'there is a devil in Africa.' Perhaps it is now sort of retreating.

Outside his native country of Guyana, Dr Rodney had Tanzania as a second home, coming to teach at the University of Dar es Salaam after his doctoral thesis devoted to the slave trade, 'A History of the Upper Guinea Coast.' In his period here he wrote 'How Europe Underdeveloped Africa,' a key book in 'Development Studies' since 1974. Dr Rodney raised a cadre of faculty staff who then raised students across decades, thus the vast changes of orientation and political ethics under the fifth phase is also a far flung fruit of Dr Rodney's legacy at UDSM, as his younger lieutenants carried forward that activism.



By Eugene Enahoro

IT'S no longer news that Edo State Governor, Godwin Obaseki was disqualified from contesting for a second term on the flag of the All Progressives Congress (APC) due to alleged discrepancies in his certificates.

These days it's almost becoming the norm to hear of queries regarding the qualifications of political actors.

At the highest levels of government, former President Olusegun Obasanjo claimed that former President Goodluck Jonathan didn't have a Ph.D. and current President Muhammadu Buhari was accused of irregularities concerning his secondary school leaving qualifications. Former Senator Dino Melaye was also challenged to provide evidence of his claim to have attended the prestigious Harvard University and the London School of Economics, let alone graduate from them. This is just as former Lagos State Governor, Bola Tinubu was accused of not attending Chicago State University.

Education is the most important aspect of human development, but it's a common misconception that politicians should be people with higher education. The fact is that, leadership attributes are not taught in higher institutions. The main role of politicians is to serve the nation and there are no academic qualifications, which relate to honesty, patriotism, integrity and devotion to country.

On the one hand, there are those who ask why politicians should be exempted when even the lowest level of staff in public service requires academic qualifications.

On the other hand, there are those who question the use of education when educated Senators defy COVID-19 social distancing and lockdown restrictions to congratulate one of their own who was convicted for looting public funds but freed on a legal technicality. Also, of what use is education when educated members of the National Assembly accept to spend billions of naira, which could have been used to build hospitals in renovating the Assembly building and ensure their comfort, while doctors are on strike, citizens are suffering under covid-19 lockdown and unacceptable numbers are being killed daily by bandits and insurgents.

The truth is that the most important aspects of any politician's character are patriotism, empathy and integrity, not the possession of higher education qualifications. It is not necessary for political office holders to be highly educated because they are supposed to have qualified expert advisors and professional civil servants to guide them through decision making processes. Leaders should focus on making sure the right thing is done, not on doing it themselves. Leadership

Certifying patriotism, empathy and integrity



is about mapping out where to go and using management skills to guide people in the right direction.

There has been a plethora of studies on the characteristics and qualities of good leaders and none of them include higher education qualifications. Personal qualities of integrity, ability to delegate, courage, respect for others, empathy, and good communication skills, have nothing to do with educational qualifications, but more to do with antecedents and upbringing. There are many who believe that the main reason for Nigeria's slow progress is that the nation's leaders have not been well educated. This isn't so.

Goodluck Jonathan was the first graduate to lead the nation, yet his regime was a disaster. Good political leaders need to be patriotic, need to know the problems of their people, and need to have empathy. None of these are traits associated with formal education. In a situation whereby the majority of Nigerian politicians use their education to fleece the treasury, rig elections and grant themselves absurd rights and privileges, perhaps what the nation needs is leaders who are uneducated but at least have feelings for others. There is a general agreement that there are six major challenges for leaders.

Firstly, honing effectiveness and developing relevant skills such as time management, strategic thinking and decision making. Secondly, inspiring

others and motivating them to be happy to follow. Thirdly, developing minds by training and mentoring. Fourthly, teams lead to instil pride and get people working together towards the same goal. Fifthly, guiding change and knowing how to overcome resistance to new ideas and processes. Lastly, managing stakeholders, which includes managing relationships with various interest groups. Leaders should be mature in their thought processes, kind, visionary and sympathetic to people's feelings. Consequently, the real attributes required for good political leadership aren't academic but relate to having good character.

Most university degree certificates state that the holder has been found worthy in "character and learning". Although, the word character comes first, there is no denying the poverty of spirit among today's graduates for whom the pursuit of wealth by any means has become their main focus. Informal education is better for politics because it includes life experiences and knowing the value of human existence and humanity. As long as the nation continues to focus on formal as opposed to informal educational credentials for politicians, time wasting litigation will be the norm.

As it stands, there is no organisation saddled with the responsibility of verifying the credentials or certificates of those wishing to contest political office. It's unreasonable to expect

people to still be in possession of original copies of certificates, which they were awarded over thirty years ago. It should be left to the issuing institution to verify whether or not the person graduated. It's also true that in a country like Nigeria where most of the population doesn't proceed beyond secondary education, it goes against the spirit of democracy to introduce educational qualifications for politicians, which effectively deprives the majority of their right to contest elections. Intelligence, efficiency and vision are the key traits of good leaders, not formal education.

There is a common misconception that education gives intelligence, whereas the truth is, it only recognises and certifies intelligence. It does not mean that people who didn't attend higher institutions aren't intelligent. Indeed, anyone who interacts with youth corpsers these days will agree that many degree holders are neither intelligent nor think along logical lines.

It is very important for national development that political office holders possess the appropriate character traits to ensure they behave with integrity. They must have a hunger to serve the nation rather than themselves. There needs to be far less time wasting and litigation over academic records because at the end of the day, the character traits needed for good leadership cannot be certified on paper.

Access to reliable and sustainable energy is a crucial need for Africa

IT IS essential for African governments to build back strong from the coronavirus crisis by placing investments in sustainable energy among the central recovery goals, and linking recovery investment to strengthening the foundation of future sustainable development.

Africa, like the rest of the world, has been severely affected by the spread of COVID-19 in the recent months with an estimated 5 to 29 million people being reduced back to live below the poverty line.

In this peculiar socio-economic context, the strategic relevance of the energy sector in guaranteeing the well-being of our cities and populations becomes even clearer.

In particular, we agree on the need to urgently equip Africa with a network of hospital facilities and health centres with secure and reliable access to electricity along with stimulating the continent's socio-economic development.

Access to electricity for the 600 million people in Africa who still do not have it needs to be guaranteed. In this time of uncertainty, investment in building back better is important, including in the vital area of energy transition towards renewable energies.

Such investment in sustainable energy will help mitigate the impact of climate change, while widening access to energy. It will be essential, thanks to the economic and financial stimulus that will follow this crisis, to build and strengthen the energy system in a clean and sustainable way, pursuing a deep de-carbonisation and to prepare a more resilient socio-economic system to external shocks such as COVID-19.

The impact of COVID-19 on Africa's energy sector building back better will require placing sustainable energy investments at the heart of the continent's recovery strategy.

The renewable energy sector can play a fundamental role in the fight against the disastrous effects of

COVID-19 with stimulus measures to induce economic recovery expected to strengthen the foundation of sustainable development through strategic investments in sustainable energy.

Access to reliable and sustainable energy is a crucial need, and is even more important today for supporting essential services during the global crisis.

Indeed renewable energy investments at scale will contribute to support sustained economic growth, including by strengthening local value chains and supporting local jobs.

Africa ought to advocate for policy changes to support investments in sustainable and renewable energy sources to enable structural shifts towards low-carbon and more resilient power systems.

Africa's private sector would be crucial in leading the much-needed ambitious energy transition. Renewable energy is crucial for Africa's recovery from the pandemic.

African governments must be committed as ever before to pursue all forms of development cooperation to advance the urgent need of the continent to recover from the rampage of COVID-19 and in providing the necessary policy and technical support to African policy makers in building back and building back better.

Evidence shows that renewables are the best for energy supply in health centres, agriculture and education in Africa. A resilient energy system and clean energy transition are fundamental for each country and their recovery path.

The United Nations is recommending a series of measures for nations to recover from this crisis and build back better towards sustainable development.

Health and energy are the first priority and tied together. No development can be sustainable if it leaves several hundreds of million people in the darkness.

EWURA out to ensure electricity sub-sector meets national goals

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

ENERGY and particularly electricity plays a vital role in the socio-economic development of any country. Availability, affordability, reliability and access to electricity services are key ingredients towards achieving desired socio-economic development in Tanzania.

Highlighting the achievements attained during the financial year 2018/2019, which ended on the 30th June 2019, the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA)'s Acting Director General Nziyangwa E. Mchany pointed those achievements attained among others as: The enactment of subsidiary legislations, adherence of licensees to applicable legislation and regulatory frameworks, and improved provision of services by licensees to electricity consumers.

Others are increased level of awareness to electrical installation licenses, issuance of 654 electrical installation licences; issuance of eight (8) generation licences; publishing four regulatory tools; connection of 198,286 new customers; reduced electricity losses, and increased demand of the regulatory intervention to matters regarding licensing, consumer complaints resolution and electricity accident investigation.

He noted "Successful implementation of these activities has taken the electricity sub-sector steps forward as evidenced by increased energy demand, electricity access, connectivity and investment."

In order to ensure continuous improvement of these aspects of the electricity supply system, the Authority continued to implement its mandate to regulate the sector the stated financial year.

This was revealed in EWURA's latest Report, entitled "The Electricity Sub-Sector Regulatory Performance Report for the Financial Year 2018/2019."

The report presents the performance of key stakeholders in the electricity sub-sector, particularly in electricity generation, transmission, distribution, supply and cross border trade.

In line with the National Development Goals which includes industrialisation agenda among others, the Authority's strategic objective was to ensure improved regulated services which include quality, availability



Availability, affordability, reliability and access to electricity are key ingredients to achieving national development goals. File photo.

and affordability of the electricity supply.

The strategies for implementation of this objective included development and review of regulatory tools; monitoring and enforcing quality of service standards; promotion of commercial viability of regulated suppliers; development and implementation of measures to protect consumer interests.

Others are licensing and registration of regulated suppliers; promotion of modern energy use; ensuring efficient procurement of regulated infrastructure; and facilitating investments for sustainable supply of electricity.

The Electricity Act, Cap. 131 gives EWURA mandate to perform both technical and economic regulation of the Electricity Supply Industry (ESI) in Mainland Tanzania pursuant to Section 5 and 6 of the Act.

The Authority's activities in relation to the electricity sub-sector include: Protecting customer interests through the promotion of competition; promoting access to, and affordability of electricity services particularly in rural areas; promoting least-cost investment and the security of supply for the benefit of customers.

Also promoting improvement in the operational and economic efficiency of the electricity supply industry and efficiency use of electricity; promoting appropriate standards of quality, reliability and affordability of electricity supply.

Furthermore, taking into account the effect of the activities of the electricity supply industry on the environment; protecting the public from dangers arising from the activities of the electricity supply industry; and promoting the health and safety of the individuals employed in the electricity supply industry.

Currently, the ESI is dominated by TANESCO which is a public utility, and vertically integrated, while private utilities have relatively small stake in the ESI.

The Electricity Act, Cap 131 and EWURA Act, Cap 414 gives mandate to the Authority to regulate the electricity sub-sector in Mainland Tanzania.

Under these Acts, the Authority is mandated to undertake technical and economic regulatory functions in the Electricity Sub-sector.

The regulatory functions that are implemented by the Authority in the Electricity Sub-sector are geared towards: Efficient and safe operation of the Electricity Supply Industry (ESI); protection of interests of consumers, the Government and other Stakeholders; and attraction of investments into the Sub-sector.

During the period from 1st July 2018 to 30th June 2019, EWURA continued to oversee regulatory performance of the Electricity

Sub-Sector.

The report presents regulatory activities carried out by the Authority and performance in the ESI in Mainland Tanzania including provision of reliability and security of electricity supply, Urban and Rural electrification, investment in power infrastructure, efficiency of operations and quality of services provided to electricity consumers.

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This report presents Electricity Sub-Sector Regulatory Performance during the period from 1st July 2018 to 30th June 2019. The report is made under Section 30(7) that requires the Authority, by regulation, to publish periodic reports on the performance of licensees, including but not limited to the quality, reliability and security of supply, progress with electrification, investment, efficiency of operations and other standard of customer services.

During the reporting period, six regulatory tools were developed. These are: The Electricity (Generation, Transmission and Distribution Activities) Rules 2019, GN No. 287; The Electricity (Electrical Installation Services) Rules, 2019, GN No. 382; The Electricity (Supply Services) Rules 2019, GN No. 387.

Others are the Electricity (Procurement of Power Projects and Approval of Power Purchase Agreement) Rules 2019, GN No. 453; The Electricity (Development of Small Power Projects) Rules 2019, GN No. 462; and The Electricity (Standardized Small Power Projects Tariff) Order 2019, GN No. 464.

In executing the requirement of sections 5 and 8 of the Electricity Act, 662 licences were issued of which eight (8) were electricity generation licences and 654 were electrical installation licences.

As of 30th June 2019, the installed capacity was 1,602.71MW of which 1,565.72MW was for main grid and 36.812MW was for off-grid. However, this capacity does not include own use generation.

Maximum Demand for the main grid, during the year under review, was 1,116.58MW as recorded on 30th November 2018 while the generation mix consisted of natural gas 67.5 per cent, hydropower 32.3 per cent, liquid

fuel (HFO/IDO/GO) 0.1 per cent and biomass 0.2 per cent.

There were twelve entities licenced to conduct electricity activities for sale. TANESCO was engaged in electricity generation, transmission, distribution, supply and cross border trade activities;

Songas Tanzania Limited, Mwenga Hydropower Limited (MHL), Tanzania Wattle Company (TANWAT), Tanganyika Planting Company Limited (TPC), Andoya Hydro Electric Power Company Limited (AHEPO), Tulila Hydroelectric Power Company Limited, Yovi Hydropower Company Limited,

Darakuta Hydropower Development Company Limited and Matembwe Village Company Limited were engaged in electricity generation activities; while Mwenga Power Services Limited as well as Andoya Hydro Electric Power Company (AHEPO) were engaged in electricity distribution activities.

The transmission network comprised of 5,896km of which 543km was for 66kV; 1,673km for 132kV; 3,011km for 220kV; and 670km for 400kV.

The distribution network comprised of 109,663.34km of which 109,225.6km was for TANESCO, 414km for Mwenga Power Services Limited and 23.74km for Andoya Hydro Electric Power Company Limited.

Expansion of the distribution network has increased by 5 per cent for TANESCO, Mwenga 15 per cent, and Andoya 1 per cent.

The increase has been attributed to support from the Government, TANESCO, EWURA, development partners, private sectors, and Rural Energy Agency (REA), among others.

The electricity energy losses for TANESCO were 16.23 per cent of which 5.87 per cent was for transmission system and 10.36 per cent for distribution system. Mwenga Power Services limited has a distribution loss of 4.24 per cent and Andoya 5.75 per cent.

Financial performance analysed revenue generation, collection efficiency, profitability and cost per unit sold for six utilities; TANESCO, Andoya, Mwenga Power Services, Songas, Mwenga Hydro and Tulila Hydro. With exception of TANESCO whose total revenue and cost per unit sold slightly decreased, all utilities reported increases in total revenue and cost per unit sold.

Further, despite the fact that there was decrease in collection efficiency of utilities, Mwenga Hydro and Tulila recorded an improvement.

Furthermore, distribution utilities incurred loss while generation utilities earned profit.

However, despite all those achievements there were some challenges faced during the period under review which included low power reliability caused by inadequately maintained power infrastructure; and low private sector participation.

In order to address these challenges, the Authority has promised to continue intensifying various regulatory interventions, including regulatory tools development, awareness campaigns, monitoring and inspections.



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For Wildlife Research, Education & Conservation

60 YEARS' RESEARCH ON THE CHIMPANZEES OF GOMBE

the Jane Goodall Institute
GOMBE



On July 14th 1960, Jane Goodall, aged 26, set foot in the Gombe Stream Game Reserve for the first time, to start her observations of chimpanzees, a study which by today, July 14th 2020, has continued for 60 years. This is the single longest research on chimpanzees in the world.

The Board of Directors of the Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania, give sincere thanks to the government of the United Republic of Tanzania, to its various government institutions particularly Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI), Tanzania Commission for Science and

Technology (COSTECH) and Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA), to donors inside and outside the nation, and to the stakeholders bordering Gombe National Park, for their huge contribution to enable this research to continue for sixty years.

This long-term study of chimpanzees, uninterrupted without a single break this whole time, has enabled the world to understand chimpanzees and their close relationship to humanity. Among the most important early discoveries was that chimpanzees can make and use simple tools. A chimpanzee can prepare a small stick and use it as a probe to fish termites out of small holes in the termite-

mound. This proof that chimpanzees can make and use a variety of tools has demolished our previous view that it was only humans who can make and use tools for their subsistence.

The research has also revealed other things about this unique creature, concerning its life and its nature, and revealing the relationships within the family, for example the growth and development of its children, and how

they co-operate within their group, and how they conflict with other groups in their need to protect their resources. A great proportion of their behaviours clearly resemble the behaviour of humans, a revelation that has even enabled us to understand ourselves better by what we have learned from the chimpanzees.

Together with these scientific riches, research on chimpanzees has made a number of contributions even to the development of society and our nation. That is, films, books and numerous publications about chimp research at Gombe have not only made chimpanzees and the National Park of Gombe world-famous, but they have also stimulated the growth of tourism in this country. And remarkably, the long-term parts of this research have been done by local people, born in the villages surrounding the park, and so directly and indirectly contributing to development in these their villages.

In the same way as other populations of chimpanzees across Africa, the chimpanzees of Gombe have decreased rapidly due to the destruction of their habitat, and this

brings a big challenge to their prospects of survival in the future. To make this danger known, the Jane Goodall Institute has gone beyond the research, and has started a project of environmental education for young people in schools which is known as "Roots & Shoots", together with a program for community-based conservation of natural resources called "TACARE"

These projects have together raised awareness to tackle the threats to the survival of chimpanzees, especially in the communities surrounding chimpanzee habitats. Roots & Shoots encourages school-children to protect their environment, while TACARE assists the neighboring villagers to conserve their land and forests, and to start projects which bring new benefits to the community while reducing their dependence on natural resources. Both these programs are bearing good fruit.

To publicize the importance of chimpanzees and the challenges they face, a group of international conservation organizations declared the 14th July each year to be World Chimpanzee Day. The main purpose of this day is to highlight and raise awareness of people and

communities nationally and internationally about the importance of preserving chimpanzees and their habitats. Naturally, chimps are found only on the mainland of Africa.

Although we commemorate 60 years of research on chimpanzees, we also believe that there are many things still to be learned from this remarkable creature, which in science terms resembles humans by more than 98 %. Growth of technology allows us now to ask many questions about the nature and behaviour of chimpanzees which at the start would have been very hard to answer. Technology helps us to explore the relationships of chimps in their group; for example, comparing the relationships among a group of chimpanzees and how they live together, with the pattern of DNA-relatedness in their communities. Basically, it is the responsibility of us all to ensure that we continue to protect our forests so that we protect the chimpanzees which are in danger of disappearing from our country. Every one of us has the responsibility to protect chimpanzees for all generations, now and in the future.

CRDB Bank Pledges to back Kagera Sugar's increased production plans



CRDB Bank Chairman of the Board, Dr. Ally Laay, and the Bank's Group CEO, Abdulmajid Nsekela welcomed at Kagera Sugar Ltd with the company's Board Chairman Seif Al-Hussein and Board Member Nasorro Al-Hussein. The Bank's Board of Directors and Management visited Kagera Sugar last week to discuss how the Bank can support expansion strategies aimed to boost sugar production to over 170,000.



CRDB Bank Chairman of the Board, Dr. Ally Laay outlining the bank's strategies to support investment in the manufacturing sector in line with Government vision of building a semi-industrialized economy by 2025. CRDB Bank has already financed various expansion projects undertaken by Kagera Sugar to the tune of USD 100 million.



Chief Executive Officer of Kagera Sugar Ltd, Ashwin Rana accepts a gift from CRDB Bank Group CEO, Abdulmajid Nsekela as a sign of strengthening over 15 years of business relations between the two giants. Rana hinted that the expected loan from CRDB Bank will help increase their production to the tune of 170,000 and employ more than 10,000 within the next five years.



CRDB Bank Board of Directors and Management posing for a group photo with Kagera Sugar Management and staff before they started a tour at the factory to observe the production activities and future projects.



CRDB Bank Board and Management briefed by Kagera Sugar Ltd Assistant Process Manager, Atugonza Kokunura on quality assurance and sugar production processes at the factory. Atugonza is one of the management trainees recruited by the factory as part of its effort to promote homegrown talents.



Kagera Sugar Chief Operating Officer, Trevor Endres explaining operation matters to the CRDB Bank Board of Directors and Management during the visit. Kagera Sugar is one of the largest sugar producers in the country with the current annual production of 91,000 tons per annum.



CRDB Bank Board of Directors and Management posing for a group photo with Kagera Sugar Management and staff at one of the irrigation centres which is under construction. The new centre is one of the factory's initiatives that will enable to double its production by 2025.



A delegation of CRDB Bank Board of Directors and Management posing for a group photo with Kagera Sugar Management at one of the sugarcane farms during the visit. Kagera Sugar has over 13,000 hectares of sugarcane plantation.

Hints on visualising data on the coronavirus epidemic

By Rowan Philp

THE Johns Hopkins Covid-19 dashboard - with its clear numbers, and its red bubbles on a dark world map - has become the trusted picture of the coronavirus disease for many journalists and audiences around the world.

And it represents the broader emergence of data visualisation tools as one of the most powerful vehicles for public understanding of the invisible global threat.

But, according to world-renowned visualisation professor Alberto Cairo, even that excellent Johns Hopkins graphic could be improved.

That's because the bubbles over Europe represent cases by country, while those over the United States represent counties - and some audiences, he said, might misunderstand the volume of bubbles over the US.

"This graphic is wonderful," said Cairo, who holds the Knight Chair in Visual Journalism at the School of Communication of the University of Miami.

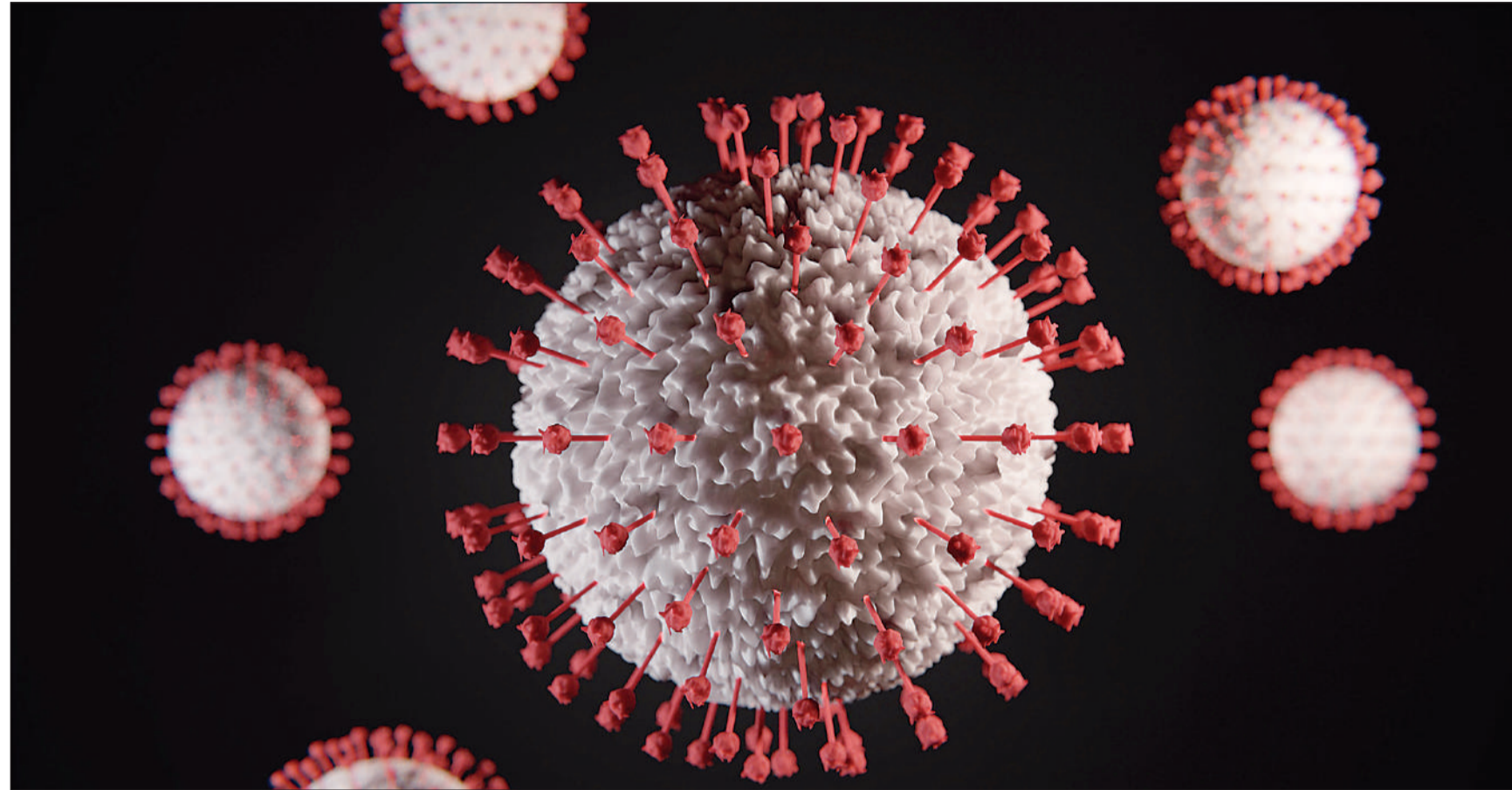
He adds, rhetorically: "But should we make the level of this data more consistent? Perhaps at just the national level, and then we can zoom in to the county level?"

In the twelfth webinar in GJN's series on Investigating the Pandemic, held recently, investigative reporter Danielle Ivory and health data expert Amanda Makulec joined Cairo in sharing insights on how journalists should choose and present graphic forms, and the data behind them. They spoke in front of an online audience of 266 journalists from 46 countries.

The panel's consensus was this: having carefully verified the information, journalists should not only show the data in the most appropriate and digestible forms, but should also clearly explain both the graphic and the data, and the uncertainty behind it.

Cairo said visualisation has proved to be one of the most effective information delivery formats globally, helping the public's understanding of the pandemic.

"I think that it's clear that the most difficult part of covering the coronavirus crisis has had to do with the quality of the data, and not visualisation," said Cairo, whose latest book on the craft is entitled *How Charts Lie - Getting Smarter about Visual Information*.



"If there is a piece of good news, it is that visualisation has been a winner, and is becoming more popular. But I have also observed many mistakes in how data about the pandemic has been visualized," said the professor.

Makulec, a health information expert and the operations director at the Data Visualisation Society, meanwhile warned that reporters need to understand how Covid-19 data are collected and aggregated before considering the information for use in graphics or charts.

For instance, she showed ten separate steps - from the taking of swabs to inputs on testing site spreadsheets - at which human error or data lags could occur before Covid-19 case counts are reported in national datasets.

Ivory, an investigative reporter at The New York Times, said apples-to-apples data comparisons on Covid-19 cases represented a major challenge, with health officials across states and counties frequently citing different datasets or using differing definitions.

Some might cite confirmed cases or deaths, while others might cite probable cases - and then switch to the other approach, or revise their numbers.

Last month, Ivory and her colleagues revealed that more than one-third of all Covid-19 deaths in the US were related to long-term care institutions, including nursing homes.

"We were able to collect data from almost every state, and we're still collecting - it's pretty much an around-the-clock effort," said Ivory.

She added: "About 70 per cent of it is collected manually, with calls or going to a state's website, and much of the rest is collected via automated scraper, and hopefully more can be collected that way to make it a sustainable process. But we are very careful to be transparent about what we don't know."

Ivory said making phone calls directly to health officials remained the best way to sort out apparently-confused or contradictory data that flowed in.

Drawing from the three speakers, here are some ten top hints on how to get the visualisation of COVID-19 data right.

One: Explain how to read the graphic, before you explain how to read the data. In a recent graphic on jobs lost due to the pandemic, The New York Times included prominent explainers, using simple language like this:

"Each bubble on this chart represents an occupation. The bigger the bubble, the more people do that job."

Two: Write the text of your graphic at the same time that you are designing the graphic, as this process helps to frame the process for both you and the reader.

Three: Sort the data in an intuitive way - such as chronologically, or in comparable groups. Cairo reorganised Covid-19 data from a confusing bar graph from the Georgia Department of Health into a new chart grouped by county, and arranged chronologically.

Four: If you or your audience are new to data visualisations, start simple, with basic graphics like maps, bar graphs, or line charts. Consider tools like Datawrapper, Flourish, and iNZight. Follow expert online tutorials on free tools, like Cairo's guide.

Five: Don't limit yourself to simple tools and charts. Challenge your audience occasionally with incremental changes in how you present data visually.

Six: Don't try to visualise too many data, and edit them down if they seem over-presented. Define the key points and stick to those.

Seven: There are no bad visualisation formats, but some are more appropriate for the dataset and the audience than others. Charts that seem especially counter-intuitive may need a secondary chart as a reference point. For instance, cartograms - which distort areas on a map, depending on their relative share of a variable - should be presented with an ordinary map of that area alongside for comparison.

Eight: Use linear scales for numbers, and non-linear scales - including logarithmic scales - for rates of change. Explain non-linear graphics clearly, and prominently, as readers often find these hard to understand.

Using generations of gerbils as his data points, Cairo contrasted the linear scale with a logarithmic scale to show why non-linear scales are important in illustrating rates of change.

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Solidarity, cooperation the right way to deal with COVID-19

THE threats made by some U.S. politicians to withdraw from the World Health Organization (WHO) in the previous months finally turned real among dissenting voices around the globe.

On July 6, the White House submitted to the United Nations (UN) its notice to quit the UN health body by July the next year.

As the COVID-19 pandemic is still spreading fast, the U.S. is acting like a deserter in the battle and standing at the opposite side of the global anti-pandemic cooperation. Such irresponsible and hegemonic unilateralism is total disgrace.

As it's seen by all, some U.S. politicians have always taken the WHO as a scapegoat to which they divert domestic contradictions and shift responsibilities, in an attempt to cover up their incapability to cope with the disease.

The U.S. announcement to halt its funding for the WHO made on April 14 triggered huge uproar in the international society. UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres stressed in a statement following the U.S. announcement that now is the time for unity and for the international community to work together in solidarity to stop this virus and its shattering consequences. He said the WHO must be

supported, as it is absolutely critical to the world's efforts to win the war against COVID-19.

An American expert pointed out that the disaster in the U.S. was not caused by the WHO, but the White House's neglect to the organization's warnings. A commentary of the New York Times called the U.S. move a dangerous attempt to find a scapegoat for its own failings. "It is like taking away a fire department's trucks in the middle of a blaze," the article said.

However, some U.S. politicians are still going their own way. On May 18, the White House sent a letter to the WHO, threatening to quit the organi-



WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

zation if the latter "does not commit to major substantive improvements within the next 30 days." Eleven days later, it announced to terminate the ties with the UN health body.

Had the U.S. government taken more time listening to the WHO, rather than trying to destroy it, then tens of thousands of Americans would still be alive today - that is a common belief of U.S. citizens. However, such voice is never heard by the U.S. politicians who seek only private interests, disregarding both the lives and health of the U.S. citizens, and the public health security of the world.

As an important platform for global public health cooperation, the WHO plays a key role in early warning, coordinating response strategies, sharing treatment plans and organizing international assistance when emergent infectious diseases break out. Facing with the sudden COVID-19 epidemic, the WHO, by starting multiple labs, establishing global testing network, enhancing global diagnosis capability, improving the monitoring of virus origins, and accelerating vaccine development, has built a joint force in the international community to fight the disease, and won recognition and high reputation for the world.

Solidarity and cooperation, representing international justice, are necessary to tackle the current challenge that concerns the health of all mankind. While the global community is stressing solidarity, some U.S. politicians are defunding, threatening and withdrawing from the WHO.

WHO is the only body capable of leading and coordinating the global response to COVID-19, said UN Foundation President and CEO Elizabeth Cousens, calling the U.S. withdrawal "short-sighted, unnecessary, and unequivocally dangerous."

Viruses respect no border. As of the afternoon of June 7, EST, the U.S. had reported a total of over 2.98 million infections and 130,000 deaths. Nearly 60,000 infections and over 1,000 deaths were newly reported in the past 24 hours. Statistics indicated that many states in the west and the south have continuously seen new highs in infections, and the COVID-19 curve is drastically increasing in the country.

The U.S. public opinion held that the blind optimism of the White House is creating a COVID-19 nightmare for the U.S., and its attacks on the WHO will finally hurt itself. Many American public health experts worried that the short-sighted practices of the U.S. will not only disturb the clinical trials crucial for vaccine development, but also lead to unpreparedness of the country for possible pandemics in the future.

Anyone with conscience knows which to choose between saving lives and ducking responsibilities, as well as between solidarity and making troubles. However, some U.S. politicians are just going against justice, which fully exposed their immoral nature.

Solidarity and cooperation remain the right way to deal with the pandemic. The WHO recently urged relevant countries to "wake up" and face up squarely to the pandemic. It indicated that the international society hopes the U.S. can stay sober and rational, and take practical measures to prevent the disease.

It's urgent to build a global line of defense to safeguard the lives and health of the people. Only by mutual assistance and joint cooperation can we achieve the final victory over the major public health crisis.

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CROSSWORD

CLUES: Across

1 First President of Kenya
 5 Tripoli is her Capital
 8 behave uncontrollably and disruptively
 9 a fertile spot in a desert
 11 set the value of a tax
 13 assert to be the case
 16 progress through life
 17 the sixth month of the year
 19 United Nations University
 21 indicating the point in space or time at which a journey starts
 22 someone who does surprise attack on people
 24 a derogatory term for a white man crush with a sharp blow from a flat object
 26 matt

CLUES: Down

1 highest mountain in Africa
 2 mountain where Moses saw the promised land from afar
 3 gather
 4 tempt sexually
 5 a defeat in sport
 7 a friendly form of address in India
 10 the religion of the Muslims
 12 direct vehicles in a correct side
 14 listlessness and dissatisfaction arising from boredom
 15 a brass musical instrument
 18 give property to
 20 Union of European Football Associations
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Vetting of shortlisted bidders delays picking of fuel marking tender winner

By Smart Money Reporter

VETTING of shortlisted companies seeking to supply fuel marking technology to Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority by Ministry of Energy is the last step towards picking the winning bidder.

Ewura's Corporate Affairs and Public Relations Manager, Titus Kaguo said the process to pick the winning bidder will be finalised soon after the coronavirus pandemic delayed the exercise. "The vetting process is not a mandate of Ewura so we are waiting from the ministry," Kaguo said last week.

He further stated that the multi-billion shillings tender contract is awarded through a rigorous process which involves the ministry. Kaguo said by the time the government had announced a partial lockdown due to the coronavirus outbreak in March, nine bidders purchased tender documents and they included: Authentix Inc.,



Ewura's Corporate Affairs and Public Relations Manager, Titus Kaguo.

Intertek International Limited, GFI, Bureau Veritas SGS Tanzania Limited CGS Collateral Control Company Limited SICPA SA and Farali Computers.

"The process is underway as per PPRA regulations hence I call upon all bidders to remain calm because the exercise is always transparent," he added. Last November, Ewura floated an international tender seeking bidders for the fuel marking technology with a deadline of December 2, 2019.

"The Government of Tanzania has set aside funds for the operation of the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority during the financial year 2019/20. It is intended that part of the proceeds of the fund will be used to cover eligible payment under the contract for the provision of fuel marking services. The Energy and Water

Utilities Regulatory Authority now invites sealed tenders from eligible service providers for provision of fuel marking services," Ewura said in its tender invitation statement.

"All tenders must be accompanied by a tender security in an acceptable form in the amount of one hundred thousand United States dollars only or freely convertible currencies. All tenders in one original plus three copies, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes must be delivered to the address indicated at or before 10.00 hours local time on 2nd December 2019. Tenders will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in the opening at the address indicated above," the tender invitation announcement stated.

UNCTAD reports: FDI flows to East Africa to drop 9%

By Smart Money Reporter

FOREIGN Direct Investments into East African region is set to decline by nine percent to US\$7.8 billion from US\$9 billion this year as the novel coronavirus takes its toll on the bloc.

A World Investment Report 2020 published by United Nations Conference on Trade and Development last week said that FDI flow into Africa will also decline by between 25 to 40 percent this year due to low commodity prices led by oil.

The report said inflows to Uganda increased by almost 20 percent, to US\$1.3 billion, due to continued development of major oil fields and an international oil pipeline, as well as projects in construction, manufacturing and agriculture.

In contradiction, the Unctad report stated that inflows to Kenya dropped by 18 percent to US\$1.3 billion, despite several new projects in information technology (IT) and health care. "Inflows to Ethiopia contracted by a fourth to US\$2.5 billion. FDI was adversely affected by instability in certain parts of the country, including regions with industrial parks. Yet Ethiopia remained the biggest FDI recipient in East

Africa," the report noted. It further added that China remains the largest investor in 2019, accounting for 60 per cent of newly approved FDI projects, with significant realized investments in manufacturing and services industry.

Unctad Secretary General, Mukhisa Kituyi however noted that there a number of opportunities that can be seized by countries but they will require a shift in development strategies. Dr Kituyi said export-oriented investment geared towards exploiting factors of production, resources and low-cost labour will remain important.

But the pool of such investment is shrinking, and the first rungs on the development ladder could become much harder to climb. "A degree of rebalancing towards growth based on domestic and regional demand and promoting investment in infrastructure and domestic services is necessary. That means promoting investment in SDG sectors," he noted.

He further noted that a large amount of institutional capital looking for investment opportunities in global markets does not look for investment projects in manufacturing, but for value-creating projects in infrastructure, renewable energy, water and



Unctad Secretary General Mukhisa Kituyi

sanitation, food and agriculture, and health care. "We have now entered the last decade for the implementation of the SDGs. We need action to translate increased interest in SDG finance into increased SDG investment in the least developed

countries," Dr Kituyi stated.

James Zhan, Unctad director of investment and enterprise, James Zhan said although all industries are set to be affected, several service industries including aviation, hospitality, tourism and leisure are

impacted severely by the virus.

"The decrease comes after the continent recorded a 10 percent decline in FDI flows to US\$45 billion in 2019 from US\$46 billion in 2018," Zhan stated.

Alternatively, the expected trans-

formation of international production also brings some opportunities for development, such as promoting resilience-seeking investment, building regional value chains and entering new markets through digital platforms, the Unctad report added.

Funds set to suspend debt repayments for developing countries

ABU DHABI

THE Abu Dhabi Fund for Development will grant debt relief to low-income countries and companies from the developing world as the UAE backs a G20 plan to support economies grappling with the fallout from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The fund said on Sunday that it will suspend principal and interest repayments for eligible countries and businesses upon "request for forbearance." It said the initiative covers the whole of this year but did not give the monetary value of the relief package.

"At a time when the world is reeling under the effect of the pandemic that has affected every area - from [the] economy and society to health and education - it is imperative for us to support ... those that need it most, especially the low-income countries," Mohammed Al Suwaidi, the director general of the fund, said.

The debt relief is crucial to ensuring the financial stability of poor countries, helping them follow a path to growth and sustainable development, he said. G20 nations agreed in April to a time-bound suspension of debt service payments on loans to support efforts by poor countries to protect lives and alleviate the hardship caused by the pandemic.



Abu Dhabi Fund for Development's director general, Mohammed Al Suwaidi.

The virus has infected more than 12.7 million people worldwide and killed more than 565,000, according to Johns Hopkins University, which is tracking the outbreak. The rate of infection is still on the rise in the Americas, Asia and Africa where countries with poor healthcare infrastructure are struggling to contain the virus.

The G20's Debt Service Suspension Initiative stands to benefit 73 eligible members of the International Development Association that are currently on a debt service plan with the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, and the least developed nations as defined by

the UN.

Last month, the G20's International Financial Architecture working group said 41 countries, including 26 African nations, had applied for relief under the initiative. On Friday, the IMF said poor nations may need additional assistance, including through the G20 programme.

ADFD, which provides cheap funding to poor countries and companies in the developing world, said in May that it would contribute to a \$10 billion support fund, pledged by institutions within the Arab Co-ordination Group, to help developing countries recover from the health crisis. The package includes technical assistance, grants, concessional loans, financing, trade insurance and capacity development programmes, ADFD said at the time.

It also pledged Dh1bn in concessionary loans for Emirati-owned businesses in the UAE in the same month. The fund provides funding to companies across the healthcare, food security and manufacturing sectors. "We are committed to taking any further action and providing support that may be required to ensure a swift recovery of the beneficiary countries and our national companies," Mr Al Suwaidi said on Sunday.

Kagame speaks out on cross border trade challenges KIGALI

PRESIDENT Paul Kagame has spoken out on trade and cross border cargo movement that Rwanda is currently experiencing noting Rwanda's readiness to engage neighbours in search of a solution.

The President was speaking Friday July 10 during a broadcasted live Instagram session with social media influencers and a section of local media which focused on Rwanda's 26-year journey after liberation.

Commenting on the status of regional trade and cross border movement of goods, the Head of State said that there were challenges in movement of goods into and out of the country occasioned by challenges of cooperation by regional countries.

He said that in recent weeks, there were false reports in a section of media outlets alluding that cross border truck drivers entering the country were being harassed and mistreated. Noting that the statements were not true, Kagame said that Rwanda was keen on conducting tests for truck drivers as had been previously agreed by the East African Community.

"I have seen in the media false reports that truck drivers entering Rwanda have been harassed and mistreated. That isn't true. What we do is test truck drivers entering for Covid-19 and that's what we agreed in the EAC," he said.

In May, four East African Community (EAC) leaders convened a virtual summit whereby the resolutions included testing of truck drivers entering countries to reduce vulnerability to the pandemic.

Testing, tracing and isolation of infected personnel was agreed upon as a key way to ensure that supply chains and movement of goods is maintained amidst the pandemic to allow for productivity of economies. The EAC Secretariat consequently deployed mobile laboratories and coronavirus test kits to all partner states to assist in the process.

However, it emerges that there have been challenges in honouring the spirit of the agreement which has created challenges for Rwanda as a landlocked country depending on the Northern (via Uganda and Kenya) and Central (via Tanzania) Corridors.

SBL beats Covid-19 odds to complete factory expansion



Engineers at SBL factory in Dar es Salaam pondering how to offload part of the brewing plant.

By Smart Money Reporter

DESPITE challenges being posed by the novel coronavirus outbreak, Serengeti Breweries Limited has completed expansion of Dar es Salaam factory with a 10 million pounds (about 30bn/-) investment.

SBL's Managing Director, Mark Ocitti said the move by the brewer has been backed by customers' overwhelming demand for its beer brands with continuous increase in beer volumes hence necessitating the expansion its three breweries located in Kilimanjaro (Moshi) and Dar es Salaam (Temeke).

"We promised our customers that if volumes continued to grow, we would invest in additional production capacity within a couple of years and that's what we are currently doing," Ocitti said last week.

Giving an update of the massive expansion investment, Ocitti said construction work at Moshi brewery is underway at a cost of 4.5 million pounds (13.5bn/-). The huge expansion

is also in line with the government's industrialization agenda in addition to SBL's solid business standing and its confidence in the country's current and future economic prospects.

The growth in business has also resulted into increased tax payments to the government with a total 132bn/- last year indicating 10 percent increase from 121bn/- paid in 2018. Ocitti added that the growth has also led to an increase in the direct and indirect employment with over 800 permanent employees.

Also benefiting from the brewer's expansion drive are local farmers who cultivate barley, sorghum and maize which is used as raw materials for beer production. As of last year, SBL had contracted over 400 farmers across the country who sold the company around 17,000 metric tons of cereals accounting for about 70 percent of its total raw material needs for a year.

"Our ambition is to source up to 85 percent of raw materials required for beer production locally by 2022 hence providing more farmers with a reliable market to sell their commodities," Ocitti noted.

Incorporated in 1988 as Associated Breweries, SBL is the second largest beer brewer in the domestic market with its beer brands accounting for over 25 percent share by volume. SBL has three operating plants in Dar es Sa-

laam, Mwanza and Moshi.

Since the creation of SBL in 2002, the business has grown its portfolio of brands year on year. The majority stake acquisition by EABL/Diageo in 2010 has seen increased investment in international quality standards leading to greater job opportunities for the people of Tanzania.

SBL Brands include: Serengeti Premium Lager, Serengeti Lite, Pilsner Lager, Pilsner King, Tusker Lager, Tusker Lite, Kibo Gold, Guinness stout and Senator. The company is also home to world's renowned spirits such as Johnnie Walker Whisky, Smirnoff Vodka, Gordon's Gin, Captain Morgan Rum and Baileys Irish Cream.

Pakistan overtakes Uganda as top Kenyan goods buyer

NAIROBI

PAKISTAN overtook Uganda to become the biggest buyer of Kenyan goods in the first five months of the year after supplies to Kampala were largely slowed by coronavirus-induced delays at the border.

Earnings from exports to Pakistan, predominantly tea, bumped 19.37 percent to Sh24.13 billion, pushing the world's fifth most populous country back to the summit of top importers of Kenyan products for the first time since 2017, official data shows.

The data collated by the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) shows supplies to the land-locked Uganda, Kenya's largest overall trading partner, dropped 5.65 percent to Sh20.22 billion, largely hurt by delays in April and May due to a requirement for truckers to have Covid-free certificates.

That slowed delivery of goods - including vegetable oils, fuel, iron and steel as well as paper and paperboard - to Kampala, pushing the country down to third biggest buyer of Kenya's after being leapfrogged by the United Kingdom (UK).

Revenue from exports to the UK, the former Kenya's colonial master, grew at the fastest pace of 30.06 percent to Sh21.49 billion on increased demand for

fresh farm produce such as fruits, cut flowers and vegetables.

Kenya Flower Council, the lobby for large-scale flower farms, said demand for Kenyan fresh produce in Europe and other key destinations has been rising since April at about 30 percent of targeted sales to current levels of nearly 75 percent.

Delivery has, however, been hurt by erratic freight services with most airlines prioritising medical supplies in the fight against contagious Covid-19, KFC chief executive Clement Tulezi said on phone. "The biggest challenge we have at the moment is freight. It is only

the UK which has remained open for the longest even when we were in the heat of Covid shocks two months ago," said Mr Tulezi. "Our hope is that as Europe and other markets start to open, and increased demand and less supplies comes in, we should be able to attract more freighters into Nairobi."

Overall, Kenya's exports rose 6.73 percent (or Sh16.98 billion) in the January-May 2020 period to Sh269.13 billion, spurred by increased sale of tea and horticultural products. Tea earnings jumped 18.90 percent to Sh58.62 billion, cut flowers by 4.23 percent to Sh51.14 billion, while income from sale of fruits surged



KFC CEO, Clement Tulezi.

Choppy waters forecast for global shipping industry over next 12 to 18 months

LONDON

THE global shipping industry's outlook for the next 12 to 18 months remains negative and unchanged since March as companies' profit forecasts fall.

Expectations that the global economy will shrink this year, followed by a "long and bumpy" road to recovery are the main cause for the negative assessment, Moody's Investors Service said in a new report.

"We now expect the aggregate Ebitda [earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation] of rated shipping companies to fall by around 16 per cent to 18 per cent in 2020, nearly doubling from our previous projection of a drop of around 6 per cent to 10 per cent," Maria Maslovsky, a vice president and senior analyst at Moody's, said.

The outlook for the dry bulk and container shipping segments is negative, with supply expected to exceed demand significantly, the report said. However, the outlook for the tanker segment is stable, helped by a temporary disruption in the oil market, with high demand for floating storage pushing up tanker rates, it said.

The downturn in economic activity triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic has amplified domestic disruptions around the world and led to a contraction in global trade. International trade flows shrunk by about 3.5 per cent year on year in the first quarter due to weak demand, the collapse of the tourism industry and supply disruptions related to shutdowns, the International Monetary Fund said last month.

The damage inflicted by the virus on the logistics and trade industry is set to last longer and be greater than any recent crisis, McKinsey said in a report titled "Global freight flows after Covid-19: What's next?"

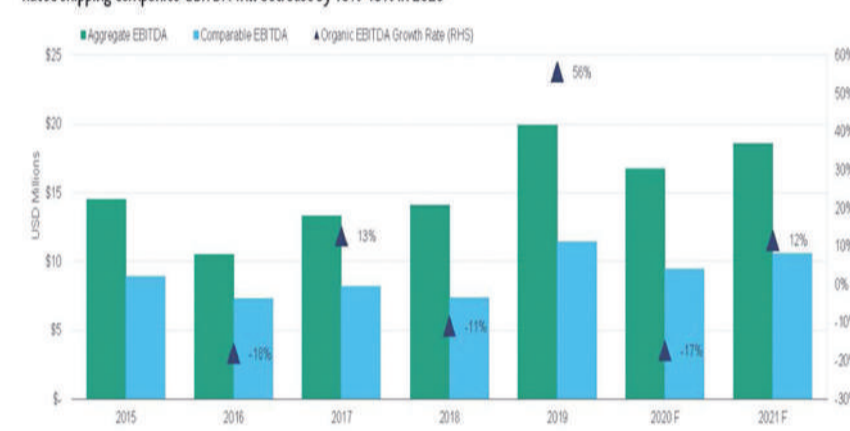
Unconstrained trade demand around the world could fall by between 13 per cent and 22 per cent in the second and third quarters of this year, the report showed. In contrast, the biggest quarterly decline in trade volumes during the global financial crisis of 2008 was around 5 per cent.

Trade volumes will take 15 to 48 months to recover to levels recorded in the last quarter of 2019, and the value lost will be between 8 and 49 per cent of the total trade volume registered last year, McKinsey said, citing various scenarios.

"Covid-19 will have a ... lasting impact on the economy, but trade volumes will recover," the report said. "The companies that will emerge with a competitive advantage will be those that develop granular scenarios on how demand will evolve, appropriate playbooks to use in each case and mechanisms that recognise ... which scenario becomes [a] reality."

Exhibit 1

Rated shipping companies' EBITDA will decrease by 16%-18% in 2020



Source: Moody's Investors Service

STC pushes back Vodafone Egypt deal for second time

CAIRO

Saudi Telecom Company, the biggest telecommunications operator in the kingdom by market value, pushed back the completion of its purchase of a 55 per cent stake in Vodafone Egypt for the second time, saying it needed more time to complete the transaction.

The company confirmed a deal earlier this year to buy the stake in Vodafone's Egyptian unit for \$2.4 billion as part of its regional expansion. However, "logistical challenges" amid the ongoing coronavirus outbreak have delayed completion, STC said.

"The parties need more time to complete the processes related to the transaction, including the due diligence and they have therefore agreed to extend the [agreement] for 60 days starting from today," the company said in a statement to Tadawul, where its shares trade, on Sunday.

The deal allows STC, which is majority-owned by the kingdom's Public Investment Fund, to secure a foothold in the Arab world's most populous country while expanding its operations in the region. Egypt is one of the largest telecoms markets in North Africa, making it appealing to a number of operators.

Vodafone Egypt is the North African country's largest mobile operator in terms of active subscribers. State-run Telecom Egypt holds the remaining 45 per cent stake of the operator. The agreement with STC values Vodafone Egypt at \$4.4bn.

In 2013, STC had unsuccessfully tried to acquire a 45 per cent stake of Telecom Egypt. However, analysts said Egypt's state-owned operator was more willing to sell its stake in Vodafone Egypt after launching its own mobile network called 'We' in 2017.

In February, Egypt's Financial Regulatory Authority said STC should make an offer to acquire Telecom Egypt's remaining stake in Vodafone Egypt if its deal with Vodafone goes through. The regulator cited a 1992 law that would legally bind STC into making an offer on outstanding shares if the deal materialises.

Telecom Egypt later said that it is "closely following the aforementioned potential transaction to consider all of its possible investment options and opportunities." However, earlier this month STC indicated it would only acquire 55 per cent of Vodafone's stake in the entity.



Tanzania's first 'official' Covid-19 patient is successful entrepreneur

By Smart Money Reporter, Arusha

SHE'S a dreamer, a doer, and a thinker full of life, who sees opportunities everywhere. That is Isabella Mwampamba, a brave woman who walked through the valley of the shadow of death. She is the country's first officially confirmed Coronavirus patient.

Mwampamba (46), cheated death after testing positive for Covid-19 and being subjected to isolation in March this year. Mwampamba who is a degree holder, wife, mother and development activist cum entrepreneur, has invested heavily in education and sports.

Born in Peramiho suburb of Songea Town in Ruvuma region in 1974 being first-born in the family of the late Hamis Mpandi, Mwampamba made headlines after Health Minister Ummu Mwalimu declared her the first Covid-19 patient.

"I'm so grateful to my father the late Hamis Mpandi - may his soul rest in peace - and my mother Theresia, for raising in an African way of life," she said. The mother of three daughters, Mwampamba was enrolled at Wang'ombe Primary School where she completed her primary education in 1988.

Her early school days started brightly after emerging as sole pupil who passed standard seven national examinations at the school and was selected to join Iringa Girls Secondary School in 1989 where she passed Ordinary Level Secondary Education Certificate with flying colours in 1992. She proceeded to A-Level studies at Shycom High School in Shinyanga taking a combination of Economics, Commerce and Accounts.

Again she excelled in national examinations obtaining division two at Advanced Secondary Education Examinations in 1995. "I could not wait to join the Institute of Finance Management in Dar es Salaam to pursue a Bachelor of Commerce, but to my surprise, I wasn't selected, despite my performance compared to my colleagues who got chance," she recalls. Mwampamba opted to join Tengeru Community Development Training Institute in Arusha to pursue her degree between 1997/99.

"I remember telling a certain official at Ministry of Community Development, I can't remember his name, please take me as your own daughter, shouldn't be selected this year, my entire life dreams will be ruined," she stated adding that we went on to get enrolment at Tengeru CDTI.

Fortune beckoned her again when Reverend Wilson Kimaro of Arusha-based Calvary Temple Church (TAG) told her to represent the church at a crucial meeting with Ethiopian Michael Wolde Shefaraw who came to introduce the Children Ministry under Compassion International in the country.

As a third year student, she was among the first Compassion International volunteer to attend that meeting held at Masoka in Moshi



The country's first official Covid-19 patient, Isabella Mwampamba.

municipality for a week and was interpreter of Shefaraw who was explaining objectives of the project. "After completing my studies the same year I was temporary employed with Calvary Temple as a social worker before resigning to join PRIDE Tanzania as credit officer in 2000," she recounted.

She then spent a decade at Pride Tanzania before quitting to start her own business in 2010 thanks to a family plot located at Matevesi suburb of Arusha municipality where she established an entrepreneurship centre for women, mostly those who were engaging in livestock keeping.

"Thank God, I had managed to convince hundreds of such women to engage in poultry, dairy, knitting and selling beads to tourists. We then established savings and credit groups through which I connected them to financial institutions," she explained.

In 2005 with the support of her husband, Daniel Mwampamba, she started a makeshift kindergarten classroom which she officially registered in 2009 an English medium school known as Upendo Friends School.

"My first born daughter, Karin Mwampamba, was the first pupil before her three siblings also joined the pre-school and later primary school with a modest fee of 100/- a day," she added saying the amount was big for some parents to afford hence chose to help them anyway.

"If one really wants to do something, he or she always can. Where there's a will, there's away," she explained. Her private school now enrolls 350 pupils for both kindergarten and primary education. "As we are talking today, over 1,000 pupils have passed through Upendo Friends School and are pursuing further education elsewhere with my first standard seven leavers graduating in 2015," the Covid-19 survivor noted.

To ensure that pupils also get training on physical education, Mwampamba established a sports academy to nurture young talents. Currently the academy has enrolled 260 boys and girls aged between five and 20 years who are mainly playing football. Nearly 80 percent of footballers enrolled to the academy come from public and neighbouring private schools.

"My vision is to promote both football and athletics to start with," she stated while revealing that her target is to establish a modern athletic academy in Mbulu district of Manyara region in future with coveted athlete, John Stephen Akhwari overseeing the academy as in-charge.

Contracting and healing of Covid-19 In recognition of her successes, Thomas More University of Belgium invited her in March this year to take part in an International Day event welcomes global guests to visit and among other things, compare notes and share experience. "I used the opportunity also to visit KRC Genk, a team which a renowned Tanzanian footballer, Mbwana Samatta used to play for," she narrated.

During the visit, Mwampamba talked with management of the KRC Genk asking the team to consider supporting budding young football talents from Tanzania. "Much as I learnt how Belgians fought against Covid-19, I voluntarily went to Mount Meru Hospital upon my arrival to test my status although I wasn't feeling sick," she explained.

While waiting for results from National Health Laboratory in Dar es Salaam, Mwampamba received a call from Health Minister, Ummu Mwalimu several days later, asking for personal information. Shortly after the conversation, the Health Minister announced that Tanzania has confirmed its first imported Covid-19 case.

She was shifted from an isolation hotel at Kilimanjaro International Airport to a government designated Covid-19 patients' isolation centre in Arusha city where she was quarantined for two weeks. "My family members, particularly my husband, was initially shocked, but they gained hope when they realized, I was still stable as days rolled by," she recalled.

While quarantined, Isabella resorted to water therapy, drinking at least three-four litres a day, exercising, dancing music, reading books and choosing positive current affairs issues to listen to. After six days of the quarantine she tested negative and was allowed to go back home to join her family.

"I thank God, for a strong President John Pombe Magufuli, who also a strong Christian faithful for the way that he has handled the coronavirus pandemic," she noted saying the head of state's emphasis on prayer and fear eradication among Tanzanians, is credited for the current low Covid-19 cases.

US sees steep rise in hostilities with China's tech firms

WASHINGTON

The Trump administration plans to finalise regulations this week that will bar the US government from buying goods or services from any company that uses products from five Chinese companies including Huawei, Hikvision and Dahua, an US official said.

The rule, which was prompted by a 2019 law, could have far-ranging implications for companies that sell goods and services to the US government since they will now need to certify they do not use products from Dahua or Hikvision, even though both are among the top sellers of surveillance equipment and cameras worldwide.

The same goes for two-way radios from Hytera Communications and telecommunications equipment or mobile devices like smartphones from Huawei Technologies or ZTE. Any company that uses equipment or services in their day-to-day operations from these five companies will no longer be able to sell to the US government without obtaining a government waiver.

The White House action comes amid increasing US-China tension over the handling of the novel coronavirus, China's actions in the former British colony of Hong Kong and a nearly two-year trade war.

"The danger our nation faces from foreign adversaries like China looking to infiltrate our systems is great," said Russ Vought, acting director of the White House Office of Management and Budget in a statement. "The Trump Administration is keeping our government strong against nefarious networks like Huawei by fully implementing the ban on Federal procurement." Huawei did not have an immediate comment. Dahua, ZTE, Hikvision and Hytera could not immediately be reached for comment.

The US government annually awards more than \$500-billion in contracts, according to the Government Accountability Office. The rule from the Federal

Acquisition Regulatory Council will take effect on 13 August.

While there was previously uncertainty in the contracting community surrounding the implementation and enforcement of the rule, given its potential impact on contractors, the White House is making clear it will not be delayed and waivers could be difficult to get.

While it is unclear if this will have an impact on current contracts, it could complicate future contracts. Amazon.com, for example, received 1 500 cameras to take temperatures of workers during the coronavirus pandemic from Dahua in April.

Amazon's cloud unit is a major contractor with the US intelligence community, and it has been battling Microsoft for an up to \$10-billion cloud computing deal with the Pentagon. The official said the administration will require agencies to conduct a national security analysis before they grant any waivers, something congress did not expressly require in the statute.

The official added that the rule is aimed at more than just barring government agencies from using products from Huawei and other named Chinese firms, but is a bid to limit their influence, saying it essentially gives companies a choice: do business with the US government or with the Chinese firms.

'Threats'

It is the latest effort by Washington to isolate the Chinese firms. Last year, the US placed Huawei, Hikvision and other firms on its economic blacklist, barring the firms from buying components from US companies without US government approval.

On 30 June, the Federal Communications Commission formally designated Huawei and ZTE as posing threats to US national security, a declaration that bars US firms from tapping an \$8.3-billion government fund to purchase equipment from the companies.

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Russ Vought, acting director of the White House Office of Management and Budget.

For struggling SA chicken producers, post-Covid-19 world promises flood of imports

JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa's poultry sector is bracing itself for a tough time ahead, as producers warn that an avalanche of chicken will hit the country after the Covid-19 pandemic, exacerbating chicken dumping issues that have plagued producers for more than a decade.

With the country under lockdown for almost four months, many businesses have not been able to trade and the chicken sector is no exception. Francois Baird, founder of the FairPlay Movement, an anti-predatory trade organisation, said once supply chains that were disrupted by Covid-19 start moving, then all the chicken that is waiting in cold storage will be dumped in South Africa.

"In the past, excess chicken has been dumped in South Africa. How do we know that? Because countries and producers have been found guilty of dumping, that's why we have some anti-dumping tariffs put in place against some of them," Baird said in a webinar late last week.

South Africa's chicken producers have been vocal about the impact of dumping on the domestic market, particularly by the US and Europe, which they argue is killing the sector and destroying jobs. The dumping of chickens in South Africa results in domestic producers, particularly those of a smaller scale, being pushed out of the market.



Francois Baird, founder of the FairPlay Movement.

The threat of dumping is very real and one of the most prominent examples is Ghana, which saw its industry destroyed and is attempting to recover.

The SA industry employs about 110 000 directly and indirectly.

Between 2000 and 2010, South Africa's chicken products consumption increased by about 680 000 tonnes, 86% of which was supplied by local producers and 14% was imported, according to a 2019 report by the Bureau for Food and Agricultural Policy.

However, the trend changed from 2008 to 2017, local chicken consumption grew by 380 000 tonnes but only 27% came from domestic producers and 73% was imported.

Sifiso Ntombela, chief economist at the National Agriculture Marketing Council, placed local consumption at two million tons and local production at 1.6 million tons imports between 2010 and 2018. Ntombela, who was also at the webinar, said local consumption grew by just over 2% annually during that time and local production grew by about 3%, while imports increased by more than 8%.

He said the pandemic had exposed structural weaknesses that existed in the sector before it hit, such as the lack of transformation. Since joining the World Trade Organisation, he said South Africa has, to a large extent, reduced tariffs that provided protection to its domestic market and instead opened it up more to international competition, while reducing support to domestic producers.

"It is a sector that not only creates commercial jobs, it's also important for small and household farmers or individuals who keep chickens for security purposes in their backyards.

And what remains a key challenge is making sure how you integrate even the smaller ones into the formal chain of the poultry industry," he said.

He added that growth solutions need to not only focus on imports but also on exports, because the current price structure makes it difficult for the sector to compete with prices from places like Brazil and Europe due to the high cost of feed.

The expected dumping is just one issue the industry has to contend with. Producers are also grappling with reduced demand for chicken products as South Africans eat less during the lockdown. Izaak Breitenbach, GM of the South African Poultry Association, said local chicken consumption dropped by 18% during Level 5 and 13% at Level 4.

He explained that consumers have been favouring frozen chicken products that they can eat at home and that caterers who use fresh chicken products have not been buying as much due to the lockdown.

The drop has improved to 7% under Level three, as restaurants that make up 20% of total consumption, slowly open up.

The industry, however, was expecting an even bigger impact as South Africa's Covid-19 infection rate continues to escalate with infections approaching the 250 000 mark. "We employ between 500 and 1 000 people in a slaughterhouse.

That is really being very pedantically managed but we must expect that a vast amount of people will become positive over time but we don't want people to become positive at the same time," he said



Anti-pandemic materials donated by China's Anhui province arrive in Maryland, April 17. Anhui and Maryland established a Sister State relationship since 1980. (File photo)

US Cold War mentality shall come to an end

SOME U.S. politicians are just doing everything to politically persecute China, and everything about China.

FBI Director Christopher Wray groundlessly fanned up the so-called "China threat" in his speech delivered at the Hudson Institute in Washington, D.C. on June 7 local time, shamelessly undermining the regular nation-to-nation relations with political lies.

When the world is seeing urgent demand for cooperation and mutual assistance, such Cold War mentality and ideological prejudice are extremely dangerous and alarming.

These U.S. politicians are obsessed with ideological confrontation and addicted to setting imaginary enemies. It's obvious to all that all the so-called "crimes" tarnishing China are lies and conspiracies.

It seems like that these U.S. politicians have recently turned paranoid on the stigmatizing game. They are taking turns to attack and smear China with fabricated "crimes", without any rationality or sense of justice, breaking the bottom line of human civilization and morality.

Before Wray made his speech, U.S. President's National Security Adviser Robert O'Brien and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo had repeatedly staged similar farces, and U.S. Attorney General William Barr is also expected to do the same soon.

Such organized political persecution by these U.S. politicians is a weird practice in international relations. The ridiculous farces they staged are not only undermining China-U.S. ties, but also impacting international order.

China's development is not a free lunch, or granted by others. It is achieved by the diligent, wise and courageous Chinese people of all ethnic groups under the leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC).

When assessing China's development, one should not only see what benefits the Chinese people have gained, but also how much hard effort

they have put in, not just what achievements China has made, but also what contribution China has made to the world.

China pursues a path of common development through opening-up, and aims to benefit other countries and their people as much as possible while pursuing development at home. It is a fact well recognized by the world, and will not be changed no matter how these U.S. politicians are viciously and ridiculously labeling China.

The world is facing huge pressure from the COVID-19 pandemic, and a deep recession is inevitable. China and the U.S., as the world's largest developing and developed countries, should properly handle their relations in a way that's responsible for the mankind, the history and the people. To make China-U.S. ties coordinated, cooperative and stable based on non-conflict, non-confrontation, mutual respect and win-win cooperation conforms to the interests of the people from both countries and the rest of the world.

However, just like U.S. scholar Jeffrey Sachs has put it, "The US is a force for division, not for cooperation." The unfriendly practices of the U.S. have seriously threatened the normal development of China-U.S. relations. The anti-China forces in the U.S. are kidnapping the diplomatic policies of the White House, trying to push China-U.S. relations toward the so-called "new Cold War." They must pay huge price for such practices that go against history.

Morality makes a person stand and a country prosper. Those U.S. politicians obsessed with lying and Cold War mentality shall understand that political persecution will never work, but is only irresponsible for the future of the U.S. and the interests of the world and isolate the U.S. To bring back rationality and do more to promote China-U.S. ties remains the only way out.

People's Daily

Jack Ma pares Alibaba stake, sells shares worth US\$8.2b

SHANGHAI

ALIBABA Group Holding Ltd co-founder Jack Ma has cut his stake in the company over the past year to 4.8 percent from 6.2 percent, cashing out around US\$8.2 billion at its current share price, the firm's annual filing released on Friday showed.

The divestment comes as Ma retired as the Chinese e-commerce company's executive chairman in September and pulled back from formal business roles to focus on philanthropy.

Alibaba did not disclose the average selling price of his divestment. Its share price has risen around 40 percent since Ma reported his 6.2 percent holding in the company a year ago.



The stock's stellar performance has been helped by forecast-beating earnings growth, even as China's economy sharply slows, as more people shop online for essentials due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Alibaba Executive Vice Chairman Joseph Tsai also reduced his stake in the company over the same period, to 1.6 percent from 2.2 percent. The offloaded shares were worth US\$3.3 billion as of

Friday.

Both Ma and Tsai have been steadily less involved in Alibaba's regular operations since Daniel Zhang was announced as Ma's successor as company chairman. He assumed that role formally in September 2019.

Throughout this year, the two have donated millions of units of personal protective equipment (PPE) via their individual charity arms to hospitals worldwide to help fight the spread of COVID-19.

An April 2019 filing with the US Securities and Exchange Commission stated that Ma would plan to sell up to 21 million shares within one year to support his philanthropic efforts.

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Polish President Duda wins election, new battles with EU loom

WARSAW

POLISH President Andrzej Duda has won five more years in power on a deeply conservative platform after a closely fought election that is likely to deepen the country's isolation in the European Union.

Nearly final results from Sunday's presidential election put him on more than 51 percent, giving him an unsailable lead over Warsaw mayor Rafal Trzaskowski, who won almost 49 percent of the votes, the National Election Commission said.

Duda is allied with the ruling national Law and Justice (PiS) party, and his victory will give the government a new mandate to pursue reforms of the judiciary and media which the executive European Commission says subvert democratic standards.

"I don't want to speak on behalf of the campaign staff, but I think that this difference is large enough that we have to accept the result," Grzegorz Schetyna, the former head of the opposition Civic Platform grouping that fielded Trzaskowski.

Backed by PiS, Duda ran an acrimonious campaign, laced with homophobic language, attacks on private media and accusations that Trzaskowski serve foreign interests instead of Poland's. Trzaskowski dismissed the accusations.

Duda's victory opens the way to new clashes between Poland and the European Commission as the EU tries to deal with the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic and rising nationalism across the 27-member bloc.

Before PiS and Duda came to power in 2015, Poland had one of the most pro-European administrations in the bloc's ex-communist east. But it has become increasingly combative, with divisions focusing on climate change and migration, in addition to democratic norms.

ENEMIES

Warsaw mayor since 2018, Trzaskowski had said he would seek a more tolerant Poland if elected. He has criticised PiS' rhetoric, vowing to

LOS ANGELES

A THREAT by the United States government to ban the Chinese app TikTok in the US has stoked concern among some users and observers that such a move on the short-form video platform is politically motivated.

"Washington DC right now is looking for reasons to show how 'tough' it can be on China, and TikTok is a convenient target precisely because it is wildly popular," said Steven Weber, associate dean of School of Information at the University of California, Berkeley.

Citing threats to national security, the Trump administration signaled



Polish President Andrzej Duda addresses supporters as exit poll results were announced during the presidential election in Pultusk, Poland, on Sunday. (AFP)

abolish state news channel TVP Info, which critics say gave overt support to Duda in its programming.

But to many religious conservatives in Poland, a predominantly Catholic nation, he came to represent the threats facing traditional values when he pledged to introduce education about LGBT rights in the city's schools.

"It's what populists do very effectively. You name the enemy and you focus on combating him. This is what was used in this campaign, the fear of others," Anna Materska-Sosnowska, a political scientist at the Warsaw University.

In the last week of campaigning, PiS leader Jaroslaw Kaczynski accused Trzaskowski of being at the centre of attempts to allow minorities to "terrorise" the rest of society.

Economic policy was also at the heart of the election, with Duda painting himself as a guardian of generous PiS welfare programmes that have transformed life for many poorer

Poles since the party came to power in 2015.

PiS now faces the prospect of three years of uninterrupted rule with the next parliamentary election scheduled for 2023.

Justice Minister Zbigniew Ziobro suggested late on Sunday the party could push on quickly with its conservative agenda following the vote, and with its ambition to spur change in private media ownership towards outlets more favourable to its ambitions.

"We need to take care of the issue of values more than before," he told state broadcaster TVP. "There is also the matter of an imbalance among the media."

Some observers say Trzaskowski's strong showing could energise the opposition, which has struggled until now to formulate a cohesive narrative in the face of the PiS success in winning over many Poles with its economic and social agenda. Agencies

TikTok made political scapegoat

that it was considering banning TikTok, owned by Byte-Dance of Beijing, in the US.

On Friday the e-commerce company Amazon sent out an internal message to employees telling them to delete TikTok from their mobile devices that have access to company email, but later retracted the message, saying it had been sent in error.

An Amazon representative said: "There is no change to our policies right now with regard to TikTok."

Soon after, Wells Fargo, the country's fourth-largest bank, directed its

employees to delete TikTok from their work phones over concerns about the app's privacy and security controls.

Also on Friday, the Democratic and Republican national committees warned their staff to take additional security precautions when using TikTok.

Weber said some of the generalized frustration with and anger at social media companies, particularly Facebook, for security, is being directed at TikTok. However, these debates have become politicized, and the key issue is worsening US-China relations, he said.

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South Africa resumes some strict restrictions to curb COVID-19

CAPE TOWN

SOUTH African President Cyril Ramaphosa announced on Sunday the resumption of a series of strict restrictions to curb the rapid rise of COVID-19 cases and related deaths.

South Africa will resume the ban on the sale, dispensing and distribution of alcohol with immediate effect, in order to conserve hospital capacity, Ramaphosa said in a televised address to the nation.

There is now clear evidence that the resumption of alcohol sales has resulted in sub-

stantial pressure on hospitals, including trauma units and intensive care units, due to motor vehicle accidents, violence and related trauma, Ramaphosa (pictured) said.

South Africa lifted the ban on alcohol sales on June 1 when it relaxed lockdown restrictions, a move that has led to alcohol abuse across the country, complicating efforts to curb COVID-19.

Most of the traumatic injuries related to alcohol abuse occur at night, the president said.

"Therefore, as an additional

measure to reduce the pressure on hospitals, a curfew will be put in place between the hours of 9 p.m. and 4 a.m.," he said.

Under the curfew that will take effect on Monday, everyone will be required to stay at home, except those who need to travel to and from work or who need to seek urgent medical or other assistance during this time.

"As we head towards the peak of infections, it is vital that we do not burden our clinics and hospitals with alcohol-related injuries that could have been



avoided," Ramaphosa said. Although these are unwell-

come restrictions on people's lives, "they are, however, necessary to see us through the peak of the disease," he said.

After careful consideration of expert advice, there are still some activities that present too much of a risk at this stage, and for this reason, family visits and other social activities will not be allowed for now, he added.

"The surge of infections that our experts and scientists predicted over three months ago has now arrived," he warned.

As of Sunday evening, South Africa recorded a cumulative

number of 276,242 confirmed cases, according to Ramaphosa.

"We are now recording over 12,000 new cases every day," the equivalent of 500 new infections every hour, he said.

Since the start of the outbreak in the country in March, at least 4,079 people have died from COVID-19, said Ramaphosa.

"What should concern us most is that a quarter of those who died passed away in the last week," he said.

South Africa may have between 40,000 and 50,000

Open Skies Treaty to collapse if US talks allies into quitting it, says diplomat

MOSCOW

AFTER withdrawing from the Treaty on Open Skies, the United States might persuade their allies to pull out, and then the treaty will collapse, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said in a televised interview on Friday.

"Having withdrawn from the Treaty, the United States is likely, due to their recent conduct, to try to lure some of their allies out. Should this happen, the treaty will certainly be doomed and will collapse," he said.

The deputy foreign minister says that Russia thinks the US move to withdraw from the treaty is unjustified and their motives are unacceptable.

"An attempt to put the blame for this decision on Russia is unscrupulous. We underline that we have a variety of serious claims against the US, its allies and some states that are US so-called 'clients' in how they are compliant or not fully compliant with the treaty," he added.

Ryabkov pointed out that the United States is guided by a policy of maximum freedom from any restrictions in the arms control sector.

"They think that it is in principle acceptable to move on looking for ways ensuring their undeniable military superiority. They will not achieve that, as any action has an equal reaction," the diplomat stressed. "We have proved many times, including in recent years, that we have the most effective system to ensure our security with the help of military and technological means. Nobody should doubt that."

US President Donald Trump declared on May 21 Washington was going to withdraw from the Treaty on Open Skies, which provides for inspection flights over member countries' territories to monitor military activities. He motivated this step by Russia's alleged violation of the treaty. US Secretary of State Michael Pompeo said in a written statement that the decision to withdraw from the treaty would come into effect in six months after May 22. Moscow denies these accusations saying it is committed to the treaty and puts forward counterclaims.

On July 6, the delegates of the member-states of the Treaty on Open Skies held a video conference to discuss the impact of the United States' withdrawal and the treaty's future after that. Russia was represented at this event by Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov. The senior diplomat said the sides failed to bring closer their positions at the meeting.

The Treaty on Open Skies was signed in March 1992 in Helsinki by 23 member nations of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). The main purposes of the open skies regime are to develop transparency, render assistance in monitoring compliance with the existing or future arms control agreements, broaden possibilities for preventing crises and managing crisis situations. The treaty establishes a program of unarmed aerial surveillance flights over the entire territory of its participants. Now, the treaty has more than 30 signatory states. Russia ratified the Treaty on Open Skies on May 26, 2001.

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From left: Amitabh Bachchan, his son Abhishek, Aishwarya Rai and her daughter Aaradhya have all tested positive for Covid-19. (Agencies)

Three generations of Bollywood's Bachchan family hit by COVID-19

MUMBAI

REVERED Bollywood actor Amitabh Bachchan's daughter-in-law and granddaughter have joined him and his son in testing positive for COVID-19, the family said on Sunday, in one of the highest-profile cases of the pandemic sweeping India.

From hospital with his father in Mumbai, Amitabh Bachchan's son Abhishek said his wife and former Miss World Aishwarya Rai Bachchan and their eight-year-old daughter had also been infected by the new coronavirus. "Aishwarya and Aaradhya have also tested COVID-19 positive. They will be self quarantining at home," he tweeted, saying other family members had tested negative and thanking Indians for their wishes and prayers.

"My father and I remain in hospital till the doctors decide otherwise. Everyone please remain cautious and safe. Please follow all rules!" added Abhishek Bachchan, 44, also an actor.

He and his father were admitted on Saturday to hospital, where health officials said on Sunday they were stable.

Seventy-seven-year-old Amitabh Bachchan is one of India's most beloved personalities, and some fans were conducting Hindu prayer rituals for the whole family.

"It's shocking to know that one of the richest and most talented, educated family (sic) can get infected. We can only hope the family recovers as it's important for the morale of millions," tweeted one fan Jayant Sathé.

INDIA'S CASES SOAR TO NEARLY 850,000

The elder Bachchan had a near-fatal accident in 1982 when a table hit him in the abdomen while shooting a fight scene.

That triggered an outpouring of love, with one fan said to have walked backwards from southern Hyderabad city to Mumbai in his

honour.

Aishwarya Bachchan, 46, who often features on "most beautiful" lists, has also worked in several Bollywood and Hollywood films. She is a brand ambassador for some multinational companies, including L'Oréal.

Amitabh Bachchan, who endorses dozens of Indian and global brands, has a net worth estimated to be over \$100 million.

India has the world's third highest COVID-19 case load, registering a record increase on Sunday that took the number of infections to nearly 850,000. Partial lockdowns have been reimposed in some densely populated areas.

Federal health ministry data showed that more than 27,100 new cases were reported in the previous 24 hours, while deaths increased to 22,674.

An official in the prime minister's office told Reuters that senior bureaucrats and ministers had been asked to show restraint on tweeting about the Bachchan family to avoid speculation and ensure there was equality of treatment for all patients.

The father and son are being treated at Nanavati Hospital in Mumbai despite showing only mild symptoms.

Authorities have been sanitising Amitabh Bachchan's upscale residence in Mumbai, spraying disinfectant inside the compound and on cars parked outside.

He has been a prominent figure in the fight against the coronavirus, appearing in public service advertisements where, in his trademark baritone, he urges people to wear masks, wash hands frequently and maintain social distance.

India's film industry recently resumed shoots after a months-long hiatus following a nationwide lockdown in late March. But actors over 65, such as Amitabh Bachchan, have been banned from the sets because of their vulnerability.

...Factbox: Bollywood's star-studded Bachchan family

CORONAVIRUS has struck a famed Bollywood family: superstar Amitabh Bachchan, and son and daughter-in-law, Abhishek Bachchan and Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, also both actors, have all tested positive for the illness.

Below is a summary of their careers, which have spanned national and international films, included top brand endorsements and made them household names in India:

AMITABH BACHCHAN

He was born on October 11, 1942 in the northern city of Allahabad, son of poet Harivansh Rai Bachchan and his wife Teji.

* He moved to Mumbai in the 1960s after quitting his job as an executive in the eastern city of Kolkata.

* Bachchan made his debut in 1969, as a voice-over narrator for Mrinal Sen's "Bhuvan Shome" named after the lead character in the film. His first film as an actor was "Saat Hindustani" (Seven Indians), which sank at the box office.

* He married actress Jaya Bhaduri in 1973. The couple have two children, Abhishek and Shweta.

* His 1973 film "Zanjeer" (Chains) propelled Bachchan to stardom, after which he churned out hit after hit.

* In 1982, while filming the movie "Coolie" (Porter), Bachchan suffered a near-fatal injury and spent months in hospital after rupturing his intestines.

* In 1984, Bachchan ran for the national parliament, and became an MP but resigned later after he was named in a defence scandal. He has denied all charges against him.

* He was chosen as BBC's Star of the Millennium in an online poll in 1999. He received India's second highest civilian honour, the Padma Vibhushan, in 2015.

* Bachchan, 77, has also appeared in Hollywood films such as "The Great Gatsby", starring Leonardo DiCaprio. He has endorsed brands such as Maggi, a product by Swiss food firm Nestle and in recent months has appeared in public service announcements urging people to wear masks and wash their hands to avoid getting coronavirus.

ABHISHEK BACHCHAN AND AISHWARYA RAI BACHCHAN

* Aishwarya Rai Bachchan won the Miss World title in 1994, and went on to act in several Bollywood and Hollywood films after that, including Gurinder Chaddha's "Bride and Prejudice" and "Pink Panther 2".

* In her over two-decade career, Aishwarya, 46, has also been the face of top international brands such as French cosmetic company L'Oréal, Swiss luxury watchmaker Longines and world's leading diamond company, De Beers.

* She married Abhishek Bachchan, her co-actor in Bollywood films, in 2007.

* Abhishek, 44, made his Bollywood debut with "Refugee" in 2000. He has since acted in more than 50 films and his latest work - a series called "Breathe" - premiered on Amazon's Prime Video platform just one day before he tested positive for COVID-19.

* The couple have a daughter, Aaradhya, born in 2011. She has also tested positive.

REUTERS

Yanga coach opens up on loss to Simba SC in ASFC semis

By Correspondents Faustine Feliciane & Adam

Fungamwango

YANGA head coach, Luc Eymael, has disclosed he did not expect his club will concede 4-1 loss to rivals Simba SC in this season's Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) semi-finals, although he knew the match was set to be tough for the former.

Eymael conceded Yanga were punished in the clash given a section of their players were not totally fit.

Simba came out with the resounding win over Yanga in the ASFC last four duel which took place at National Stadium in Dar es Salaam a day back.

The Belgian tactician pointed out Yanga skipper, Papy Kabamba Tshishimbi, and midfielder, Haruna Niyonzima, were not at their best because they were coming from an injury lay off.

"There are though some of my players who did not follow my instructions, I expected it will be a tough game but we conceded many goals and we were not at our best," Eymael noted.

He further said Simba were way better in the midfield and the latter's forward line was also better, tormenting Yanga defenders in the process.

"Mistakes do happen in soccer and when you meet a better squad, it makes you pay for your mistakes, we are looking to seeing to it we get good results in our remaining duels in the Vodacom Premier League," he said.

He stated Yanga followers should not be discouraged by their outfit's performance, as the squad is seeking to address weaknesses.

Yanga's center back, Lamine Moro, also conceded they were outplayed by Simba in the match, with the



Yanga players participate in warm up shortly a kick off of their Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) semi-final duel with Simba, which took place at National Stadium in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

rivals fully exploiting the former's weaknesses to come out with the resounding victory.

Moro stated Simba improved a lot in the midfield after Yanga had lost chemistry in the department.

The towering Ghanaian player pointed out he and his team mates are seeking to post victory in each of the remaining games in the domestic top flight and secure second spot in the log.

"We have accepted the loss, it is football, there is victory, loss and even draw, our opponents made the most of our weaknesses," he said.

"We are going to work hard in our

remaining games in the top flight to get crucial wins to ensure we take the second spot."

Yanga have four fixtures left in the Vodacom Premier League.

The Jangwani Street squad will on July 15 confront Singida United that has already faced drop to the next season's First Division League (FDL).

Yanga will three days later host Mwadui FC, with both fixtures set to take place at National Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Yanga will thereafter head to Morogoro to lock horns with Mtibwa Sugar that are as well seeking to avoid relegation to FDL.

The clash will take place at Jamhuri

Stadium in Morogoro. Yanga will then wind up with a game against Lipuli FC at Samora Stadium in Iringa on July 26.

Yanga have collected 64 points to stay third in the Premier League, with Azam FC placed second with 65 points, whereas champions Simba are topping the top flight.

Each of the participating clubs has four matches left in the top flight.

Olympics must go ahead next year as symbol of overcoming COVID-19, Tokyo governor says



Yuriko Koike

TOKYO

TOKYO Governor Yuriko Koike, often floated as a future Japanese premier, said on Monday the Olympics must go ahead next year as a symbol of world unity in overcoming the novel coronavirus, even as her city grapples with stubborn spikes in cases.

Japan has not seen an explosive coronavirus outbreak as suffered in some other places but a recent increase in cases in Tokyo, which accounts for more than a third of its more than 20,000 total, has fanned worries about a second wave of infections.

The 2020 Olympics were scheduled to start this month but were postponed because of the coronavirus. Koike has pledged to win public support for the Games, although a media survey showed a majority think they should be cancelled or postponed again.

"I want to host them as a symbol of the world coming together to overcome this tough situation and of strengthened bonds among

humankind," Koike told Reuters in an online interview.

She declined to specify a deadline for deciding if the Games could go ahead.

A media-savvy former television announcer who speaks English and Arabic, Koike is to many a paradox: a global thinker with a nationalist tinge; a political outsider who advanced with help from old-boy mentors, and a risk-taker who shied away from the big gamble of running for parliament in 2017 as head of her upstart "Party of Hope".

The party floundered after Prime Minister Shinzo Abe called a snap election.

Instead, Koike stayed on as Tokyo governor and has won plaudits for her straight-talking handling of the COVID-19 outbreak in contrast to what critics called Abe's clumsy response.

She was re-elected by a landslide last week, reigniting talk she has a shot at becoming Japan's first woman prime minister.

On Monday, she sought to brush such speculation aside.

"I'm happy that people have hopes for me but I received support for a second term as governor," she said.

"I want to protect the lives and health of the people of Tokyo by addressing the immediate issue of policies for the coronavirus. That is my greatest mission."

POLITICAL MACHINE?

Tokyo's jump in COVID-19 cases comes as Abe's government prepares to launch a campaign to promote domestic tourism, but that has raised concern about spreading the virus outside the capital.

Koike said it was important both to contain the virus and revive the slumping economy.

"At present, a tough situation continues but ... by taking a proper response in Tokyo, I want to advance both the prevention of infections and social and economic activity," she said.

Tokyo accounts for about 20% of Japan's economy.

Koike, who clashed with Abe's administration over the timing of a state of emergency, and over which businesses to target for shutdowns, said she wanted greater clarity on local governments' authority during the crisis.

A veteran member of parliament before defying Abe's Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) to make her 2016 bid for governor,

Koike also wants to make the metropolis a global financial centre by luring foreign talent.

Still, speculation persists that she could yet aim for Japan's top job.

She has already broken several glass ceilings: first female governor of Tokyo, Japan's first female defence minister and the first woman to run for LDP president.

But creating a new political machine to vault her to the top would be tough, political analysts said.

"Does she have what it takes to be prime minister? Absolutely. But she doesn't have the political machine that can make it happen," said a source who has advised Koike for years.

A return to the LDP fold would also face obstacles, given that mutual antagonism runs deep.

REUTERS

City's court win intensifies top-4 race in Premier League

LONDON

MANCHESTER City's success in overturning its Champions League ban on Monday has huge ramifications on the Premier League and the remaining two teams that will qualify for Europe's top club competition.

Chelsea, Manchester United and Leicester – and maybe Wolverhampton Wanderers and Sheffield United, too – are now fighting for two qualifying spots instead of three with two weeks of the season remaining.

The fight for a top-five finish has reverted back to needing to be in the top four to join champion Liverpool and City, already secured in second place, in earning tens of millions of dollars in UEFA prize money next season.

The most concerned team is likely to be Leicester.

In the top four since September – and, in December, even looking like the most realistic title challenger to Liverpool – Leicester has imploded, collecting only two wins from its last 11 league games stretching back to the end of January.

After losing to relegation-threatened Bournemouth 4-1 on Sunday, Leicester will find itself in fifth place if Man United beats Southampton on Monday.

United appears much more likely to secure a top-four finish and return to the Champions League after a season's absence.

With four straight wins ahead of the Southampton game, United is the form team in the league and also has the most benign remaining schedule with upcoming matches against Crystal Palace and West Ham before what could be a winner-takes-all game

game at Leicester on the final week-end of the season.

Making it all the more intriguing is the fact that another final-day match is between Chelsea and Wolves.

Chelsea is currently in third place, one point ahead of Liverpool, but will drop into fourth if United beats Southampton.

A victory over already-relegated Norwich on Tuesday appears pivotal for Chelsea, considering its last two games are at Liverpool – a team chasing records to cap its title-winning season – and then Wolves, who have gained a reputation for beating the top teams over the last two years.

Wolves are in sixth place, four points off the top four, so the ruling by the Court of Arbitration for Sport has come as a blow to their Champions League ambitions.

Indeed, Wolves' best chance of qualifying for the competition is now to win the Europa League, which earns entry to the Champions League. The team coached by Nuno Espirito Santo has reached the last 16 of the Europa League and will play the second leg of its match against Olympiakos next month, with the score at 1-1 after the first leg.

Likewise, seventh-place Sheffield United needed City to lose its appeal at sport's highest court to stand a realistic chance of a finish in the Champions League positions, a prospect that would have seemed fanciful for a team that was widely tipped for relegation at the start of the season.

Europa League qualification will be Sheffield United's target now, with seventh place possibly earning that reward if Manchester City, Manchester United or Chelsea win the FA Cup.

Arteta: We gave away derby to Spurs in loss

LONDON

ARSENAL manager Mikel Arteta said his side had "given away" the points in a 2-1 Premier League defeat by north London rivals Tottenham Hotspur on Sunday – a result that damaged his side's hopes of sealing a European place.

Arsenal took the lead at Spurs thanks to Alexandre Lacazette's unstoppable drive, but a defensive mistake allowed Son Heung-Min to equalise soon after before Toby Alderweireld gave Tottenham victory late on with a header from a corner.

"We gave them the game again, an individual error and the set-piece that cost us three points again," said Arteta, after his first North London derby as a manager. "But I'm extremely proud of the way the team played. This is who we are, it doesn't matter in which ground we will come here and do what we've done today, nullify the opponent and force them to kick the ball long and give it back to us."

"We talked about it before the game today that set-pieces in this game are crucial, and today it cost us the three points."

The result left Arsenal below Tottenham in ninth spot in the standings with three games remaining and

with their hopes of qualifying for the Europa League receding.

"I'm going to keep going and I'm going to try to persuade the boys to keep going," Arteta said. "We have a little bit of hope and until it's mathematically impossible."

His Tottenham counterpart Jose Mourinho was full of praise for his side who have come in for criticism of late after some turgid displays.

"To beat big clubs is always great and when the specific big club is your biggest rival historically it means the world," Mourinho said. "My boys had 48 hours less to prepare which is very unfair, but even with that they were fantastic in their commitment and deserved the victory."

Tottenham's hopes of another Champions League campaign are all but over but they are only three points behind sixth-placed Wolverhampton Wanderers with three games remaining. Finishing sixth would likely guarantee a Europa League berth.

"The Europa League is not the biggest competition in Europe but it's the second," said Mourinho, who won the competition with Manchester United. "I prefer to play Europa League than not to. I think it's a title Tottenham would like to get."

(Agencies)

Milan eye Euro return after holding Napoli

ROME

AC Milan kept their hopes of European football alive on Sunday with a 2-2 draw at Napoli that leaves them with a strong chance of reaching the Europa League.

Franck Kessie's penalty 17 minutes from time gave Milan a battling point in Naples after Giovanni Di Lorenzo and Dries Mertens had put the hosts deservedly ahead with an hour gone.

The draw leaves Napoli in sixth place and the final Europa League spot, but as Gennaro Gattuso's side have already qualified for the competition's group stage by winning the Italian Cup, seventh place currently offers a place into the qualifying rounds.

Milan, who are two points and one place behind Napoli, are favourites to take the third spot in the Europa, although eighth-placed Sassuolo look keen for continental football despite being four points further back.

"When you get results and put in strong performances against this

kind of opponent, it really boosts your confidence," said Milan coach Stefano Pioli.

"We scored a great goal to take the lead, we fought back to equalise and a point is a good result."

Theo Hernandez gave the away side the lead against the run of play with 19 minutes gone when he met Ante Rebic's brilliant cross with a thumping volley, but Napoli responded brilliantly to going behind.

They were deservedly level 14 minutes later thanks to a fizzing free-kick delivery from Lorenzo Insigne which Gianluigi Donnarumma patted out to Di Lorenzo, who tapped home.

Mertens put the hosts ahead on the hour mark when he met Jose Callejon's low cross with a shot that was deflected past Donnarumma by Alessio Romagnoli.

From there it looked like there would only be one winner but they were given the perfect chance to equalise when Nikola Maksimovic brought down Giacomo Bonaventura in the area.

AFP

Manchester City overturns 2-year ban from Champions League

GENEVA

MANCHESTER City successfully overturned its two-year ban from the Champions League on Monday in a surprising legal victory.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport upheld City's appeal against the UEFA ban, but imposed a 10 million euro (\$11.3 million) fine on the club for failing to cooperate with independent investigators.

Some UEFA allegations accusing City of finance rules violations dating back several years were "time-barred," the court said.

CAS plans to publish a detailed written verdict within days which could help explain why UEFA's case did not comply with its own internal rules.

Man City joins Paris Saint-Germain, AC Milan and Galatasaray in beating UEFA in appeal cases in the past two years.

The decision by the three CAS judges clears the team coached by Pep Guardiola to play in the group stage of the Champions League next season. The case does not affect City's place in this season's competition, which resumes next month.

City's win guarantees tens of millions of dollars in UEFA prize money next season. It also protects against players leaving to seek Champions League action with another club.

Guardiola had pledged to stay in Manchester "no matter what happens" in the courts.

"The club welcomes the implications of today's ruling as a validation of the club's position and the body of evidence that it was able to present," City said in a statement.

UEFA punished Man City in February for "serious breaches" of finance monitoring rules and failing to cooperate with investigators. The allegations included that City, owned by Abu Dhabi's royal family, misled UEFA over several years to meet financial integrity rules – known as Financial Fair Play – required to enter European club competitions.

City denied wrongdoing, and said it had "irrefutable evidence" the claims were not true.

"The CAS award emphasized that most of the alleged breaches reported by the Adjudicatory Chamber of the (UEFA club finance panel) were either not established or time-barred," the court said.

City's win will raise doubts about the future of the UEFA Financial Fair Play program, created in 2009 after the global financial crisis.

The system was used to ban several clubs,



Manchester City's head coach Pep Guardiola gestures during the English Premier League soccer match between Brighton and Manchester City at the Falmer stadium in Brighton, England, Saturday, July 11, 2020. (AP)

including Galatasaray in 2016, from one season of UEFA competitions. City was the first club to be banned for two years.

In a statement, UEFA pointed blame at its own club finance investigators and judges for "insufficient conclusive evidence to uphold all of the (panel's) conclusions" and not meeting a five-year statute of limitations.

UEFA could choose to challenge the CAS ruling at Switzerland's supreme court. Federal appeals in CAS cases rarely succeed and only consider narrow grounds of legal procedure.

The urgent ruling came one month after a three-day hearing held by video link between Switzerland and England. A full verdict detailing the evidence, expert witness testimony and the judges' reasons

is due within days.

UEFA-appointed investigators opened a case after leaked club emails and documents from City officials were published by German magazine Der Spiegel in November 2018. They were likely obtained by a hacker from Portugal.

The published evidence appeared to show City deceived UEFA by overstating sponsorship deals from 2012-16 and hid the source of revenue linked to state-backed companies in Abu Dhabi.

City never disputed the documents were authentic, but argued the evidence was stolen and reported out of context.

UEFA had previously signed off on City's submitted accounts since 2014. That year, UEFA fined City 20 million euros (\$22.6 million) of its Champions

League prize money in a first wave of assessments of European clubs' finances. French champion PSG got the same fine in a similar case.

UEFA decided to create the FFP system 11 years ago to stabilize the soccer economy by monitoring finances of 200-plus clubs which qualify each year for its competitions. Clubs must approach break-even on commercial income and spending on transfers and salaries. Sponsor deals linked to wealthy owners must be set at fair market rates.

Critics of FFP argue it protects storied clubs with a huge fan base from being challenged by ambitious rivals with state support, like Man City and Qatar-owned PSG.

AP

Arsenal, Spurs both need defensive overhauls to get back to the top

By James Olley, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

WILLIAM Saliba is going to have to be Bobby Moore from the get-go to fix Arsenal next season. The Gunners have at least sought to address their defensive issues by spending £27 million to sign the 19-year-old from Saint-Etienne, but in their 2-1 defeat to Tottenham there was yet more evidence of the sheer number of holes he will have to fill.

There was plenty to like about the Gunners even in defeat: Alexandre Lacazette's wonderful 16th-minute opening goal, another influential performance from Dani Ceballos in central midfield and a second half they controlled for long periods.

Whether by accident or design – and Jose Mourinho stated it was the latter – Tottenham sat noticeably deeper in the second half, content to soak up pressure and wait for the visitors to gift them an opportunity to win the game. It was textbook Mourinho, and the most damning thing for Arsenal is they still duly obliged. A mixup between Sead Kolasinac and David Luiz created Son Heung-min's 19th-minute equaliser and after Shkodran Mustafi was bailed out by goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez for allowing Harry Kane to escape too easily, the Gunners conceded from the resulting corner.

Toby Alderweireld climbed highest to meet Son's corner – a rare Spurs goal from a set piece – and Arsenal were done. Champions League football has gone, and even the consolation prize of Europa League qualification is far from secure, leaving head coach Mikel Arteta facing even fewer financial resources at his disposal. That means working to improve the players he has or trying to shift widely maligned defenders for diminished fees. Standardard defending has blighted Arsenal for years, as Arsene Wenger, Unai Emery and now Mikel Arteta all switched to a back three in an attempt to find greater stability. The problem with that, however, is it means there are more error-prone centre-backs actually on the pitch at once.

As if to set the tone for the afternoon, all three – Luiz, Kolasinac and Mustafi – gave the ball away under pressure inside the opening 90 seconds here. Spurs began pressing high up the pitch in the knowledge there were gains to be made from Arsenal's profligacy in possession. By the end, they didn't even need to chase them – fatigue suggested that was too much of a struggle anyway – yet the mistakes were still there.

Luiz is supposed to provide useful experience on occasions like this but instead this was another day when he spread mild panic. Mustafi's recent improved performances have led to talk of a new contract, but in the second half he regressed to an almost embarrassing extent, Kane repeatedly beating him with minimal effort only to be denied by Martinez on multiple occasions. The Argentine, deputising for the injured Bernd Leno, sat crestfallen on the turf at the final whistle yet the scoreline would have been worse were it not for



Sead Kolasinac and David Luiz combined to gift Spurs their first goal, just the latest in a long list of errors from the Arsenal defense. (Agencies)

several fine saves, the best of which came on a Ben Davies' long-range effort which he tipped onto the crossbar after half an hour.

Spurs were not without mistakes of their own at the back. Serge Aurier managed to condense a poor header, loose touch and weak tackle into one piece of defending, affording Lacazette the opportunity to capitalise in superb style, firing into the top corner from the edge of the box. Aurier's days in London are surely numbered, and Spurs need to find cover for Davies. Jan Vertonghen is set to leave on a free transfer when this season is completed, while Davinson Sanchez makes too many mistakes.

In truth, the collective defending on show merely underlined why this was eighth versus 11th at kick-off. Two teams

aspiring to be Champions League level are currently exhibiting standards of defending that aren't presently good enough for the Europa League. The fall is more remarkable in Tottenham's case given they reached the Champions League final barely 12 months ago. The irony here, of course, is that a centre-back got the winning goal. Alderweireld's smart header sealed the points, leaving Arteta to rue familiar failings; the Gunners have now lost 15 points from winning positions since the Spaniard took charge in December, more than any other Premier League team in that period.

"It is mentally tough because your mindset is you are ahead, you are controlling the game, everything that we talked about actually is happening and then you give that

moment away," he said.

"Mentally, it affects our whole momentum. Our energy, still we came back in the second half, we were better, we were even more dominant, we had more control. In an isolated action, we conceded a set piece.

"We have to learn from that situation. Every game, something happens – a little margin here, a little margin there. I am sure we will get there. I am proud because I've never seen them play the way they did at this ground."

Mourinho enjoyed this. After two distinctly underwhelming displays against Everton and Bournemouth, Spurs ground out a victory by adopting a style much more in the Portuguese' image. He is now unbeaten in 10 home games against Arsenal, winning six of those. The detail comes at a price.

"How much will you pay for the class?" Mourinho said with a smirk in response to a question asking him to outline his specific approach. "Amazon are the lucky guys because they know everything."

"What I asked from them tactically, they gave me but what I asked them from the emotional point of view, they gave me even more. They felt the game as a fan. Now we still can fight until the end for a Europa League position. Without a victory today, that would be very, very difficult."

Spurs will fight on while Arsenal have the insurance policy of an FA Cup semi-final in addition to trying to rally in the league. Their defending must improve and fast. They play Liverpool and Manchester City next.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



Yanga did not follow coach's instructions, says Abdul

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Yanga leadership, players apologize to supporters

By Correspondent Faustine Feliciane

A day after suffering 4-1 loss to Simba SC in the 2020 Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) semi-finals, Yanga's management and players have apologized to their followers for the loss.

Simba commanded the convincing victory over Yanga in the duel, which took place at National Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Juma Abdul, Yanga's assistant skipper, disclosed they have been hurt by the score line which, according to him, was caused by the players' mistakes on the pitch.

"On behalf of my fellow players, I apologize to our club's members and supporters for this results, it is true the score line is disappointing and we were not supposed to endure it," the fullback noted.

Abdul said the results has come about following mistakes committed by players on the pitch, in which a section of them did not fulfill their duties efficiently.

"Some of the players did not follow coach's instructions and we found ourselves committing a lot of mistakes which proved costly, the outcome truly hurts but it is soccer, we apologize to our supporters," he disclosed.

The side's secretary general, Simon Patrick, also issued an apology to the followers and appealed to the latter to support the outfit up to the conclusion of the season.

"We have seen our squad's weaknesses, we should keep on working together and these weaknesses will be dealt with after the completion of the season so that we can have a strong squad season that will make us happy," he stated.

Patrick disclosed they are currently focusing on the squad's remaining fixtures in the domestic top flight before preparing for the next season.

Simba have thus booked a place in the ASFC final and they will face Namungo FC in the clash, which will take place in Rukwa next month.

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

YANGA's assistant skipper, Juma Abdul, has attributed his outfit's loss to rivals, Simba SC, in the 2020 Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) semi-finals to failure by the former to follow their head coach's instructions.

The ASFC semi-final involving the domestic football giants was held at National Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Sunday, with Simba cruising to 4-1 victory.

In monitored interview, which took place after the clash, Abdul said the plan, which Yanga's technical staff headed by coach, Luc Eymael, had presented to the players was that they should be strong in the



Yanga's defenders, Lamine Moro (3rdL) and Juma Abdul (R), challenge Simba SC midfielder Clatus Chama in the 2020 Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) semi-final match, which took place at National Stadium in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

midfield but his colleagues did not follow it. He said due to that their opponents found it easy to penetrate Yanga.

"We have lost, we did our best but somehow, we have to bear the blame for failure to follow the coach's instructions, before the game he told us to be compact in the midfield, we did not do that," he disclosed.

Abdul then issued his apology to his side's leaders, members and fans for the loss,

which has dampen their hopes of playing in 2020/21 CAF Confederation Cup.

"This is not good results and we did not expect it. But in soccer, anything can happen and, on behalf of my fellow players, we are apologizing for the loss," he stated.

Yanga were outclassed by Simba who scored their goals through Gerson Fraga, Clatus Chama, Luis Miquissone and Mzamiru Yassin.

Midfielder Feisal Salum scored Yanga's

goal, rifling in off a corner kick by second stanza substitute, Patrick Sibomana.

Eymael asked his charges to wake up from the defeat and bounce back, saying the defeat is part of the sport.

He said no one should be blamed for the loss.

"We have won other games together. We have as well lost together and no one should be blamed for today's loss," he disclosed.

"To show that we are strong we must wake up and bounce back, winning our coming games."

Coca-Cola partners with Samatta to bring upliftment to Tanzanians

By Guardian Reporter

COCA-Cola Company has partnered with Tanzanian forward, Mbwana Samatta, who plays for English Premier League (EPL) club, Aston Villa, to bring upliftment, pride and inspiration for local Tanzanians.

The hero, who also plays for the senior national soccer team, Taifa Stars, will partner with the Coca-Cola brand, the company's officials stated.

According to the officials, Samatta and Coca-Cola will together leverage their influence and reach to inspire and uplift Tanzanians to be their best and achieve their dreams.

"Ever since I was a little boy, there was always something special about the Coca-Cola Company. In one way, I feel like I have known Coca-Cola all my life and I know most of my fans in Tanzania and worldwide have the same feeling" Samatta said during the unveiling of the partnership.

"Perhaps you even think of Coca-Cola as an old friend. But old friends can grow in new and exciting ways. Surely you have. And so have I," he disclosed.

"This partnership with Coca-Cola is truly a one-of-a-kind experience. It's more than working with the global beverage leader. It is an opportunity to be a part of something that impacts the world," he reiterated.

The collaboration is inspired by Samatta's and Coca-Cola's joint aspirations to create value and make a difference in communities, the company's officials said.

The partnership aims to bring Coca-



Mbwana Samatta

Cola 'closer to home' by connecting the brand to a national hero.

"Samatta's aspirations to inspire, unite and uplift especially the youth, is a reflection of our brand values. He is a national icon who has put Tanzania on the map," Kabula Nshimo, Coca-Cola Tanzania's Senior Brand Manager, disclosed.

"He comes from humble beginnings and we are extremely proud to be working with Samatta to provide inspiration to Tanzanians."

Coca-Cola, the officials disclosed, has had a long and rich history supporting football at all levels from the grassroots through its COPA Coca-Cola tournament.

For many years the tournament has created an opportunity for many exceptionally talented players to be identified and recruited to join the national under 20 teams in Tanzania.

Samatta featured in the first COPA Coca-Cola tournament in 2006 playing for Kimbanguile Primary School in Temeke District, Dar es Salaam.

"As a Tanzanian international soccer icon, Samatta inspires more teens to not only take it as a sport, but as a career, and importantly, that they can achieve their dreams. Nelly Wainaina, Head of Marketing at Coca-Cola East and Central Africa, stated.

"Additionally, through the soccer clinics we will be organizing, we will be able to engage and inspire many more teens, which resonates with Coca-Cola's vision of Refreshing the world and making a difference," the official said.

The Coca-Cola Company, she stated, will continue nurturing young talent through this partnership and ignite hope among young footballers across the country.

Mount Meru Marathon now returns under new management

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

A new management has taken over the organization of Arusha's Mount Meru International Half Marathon.

Still the race retains its annual dates of the final Sunday of each September, expected to race in Arusha on September 27 this year.

According to the new race Director, Mercy Michael Ntagabo, this year's event continues to promote domestic tourism especially now that Covid-19 crisis has thrashed the local industry.

The forthcoming race is expected to bring to Arusha some 1000 participants from Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and hosts Tanzania.

"Part of the prizes include a package to tour some of the local attractions, in addition to attractive monetary offerings," she explained.

Still, according to Mercy, the newly revived, oldest race in the Northern Zone, is sticking to the half marathon distance of 21 kilometers of the main event, which gets flagged off at Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium in the city that Sunday.

But the older version of the Mount Meru Marathon, which was always billed to be the most popular sporting event in Tanzania during the 80s all the way to the 1990s, used to cover the full 42 kilometers.

Mercy stated here that the routes will also be the same as last year and, with four weeks to go, more runners and other participating countries will be announced because enrollment exercise is going on.

Focusing on tourism promotion, the race organizers also intend to take participants to any of the following destinations especially the Arusha National Park located at the foot of Tanzania's second highest peak, Mount Meru, which the event is named after.

It is still yet to be known whether last year's winners will return again to fight for and defend their respective crowns in the next month's marathon.

Kenyan athlete, Robert Ndiwa, was last year's men's category top winner of the Mount Meru Half Marathon, clocking one hour, six minutes and 26 seconds.

Arusha's Joshua Sule took the second position in the category after clocking one hour, seven minutes and four seconds.

Another domestic athlete, Elisha Wema, came third in the category with one hour, eight minutes and one second.

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